



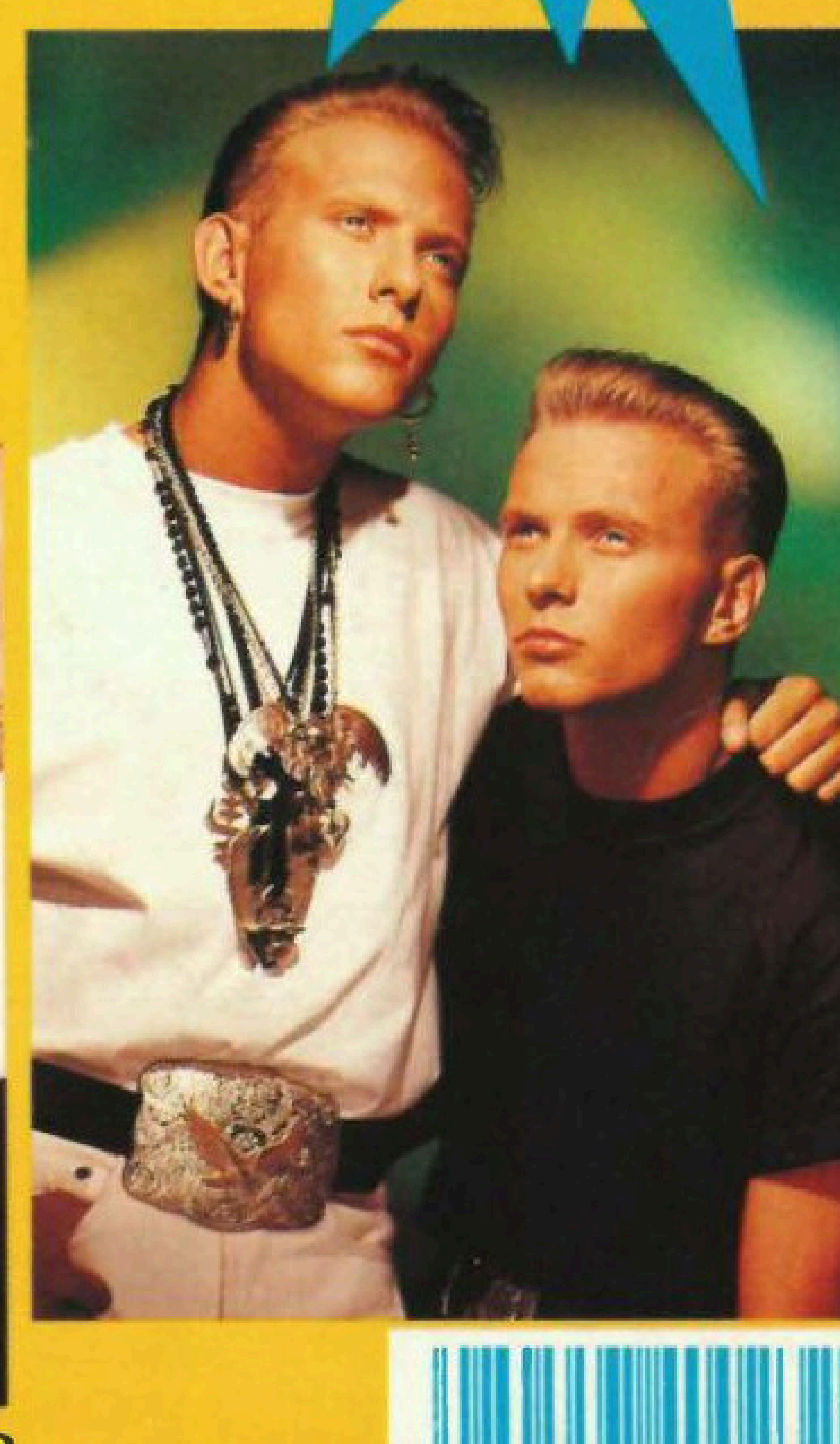
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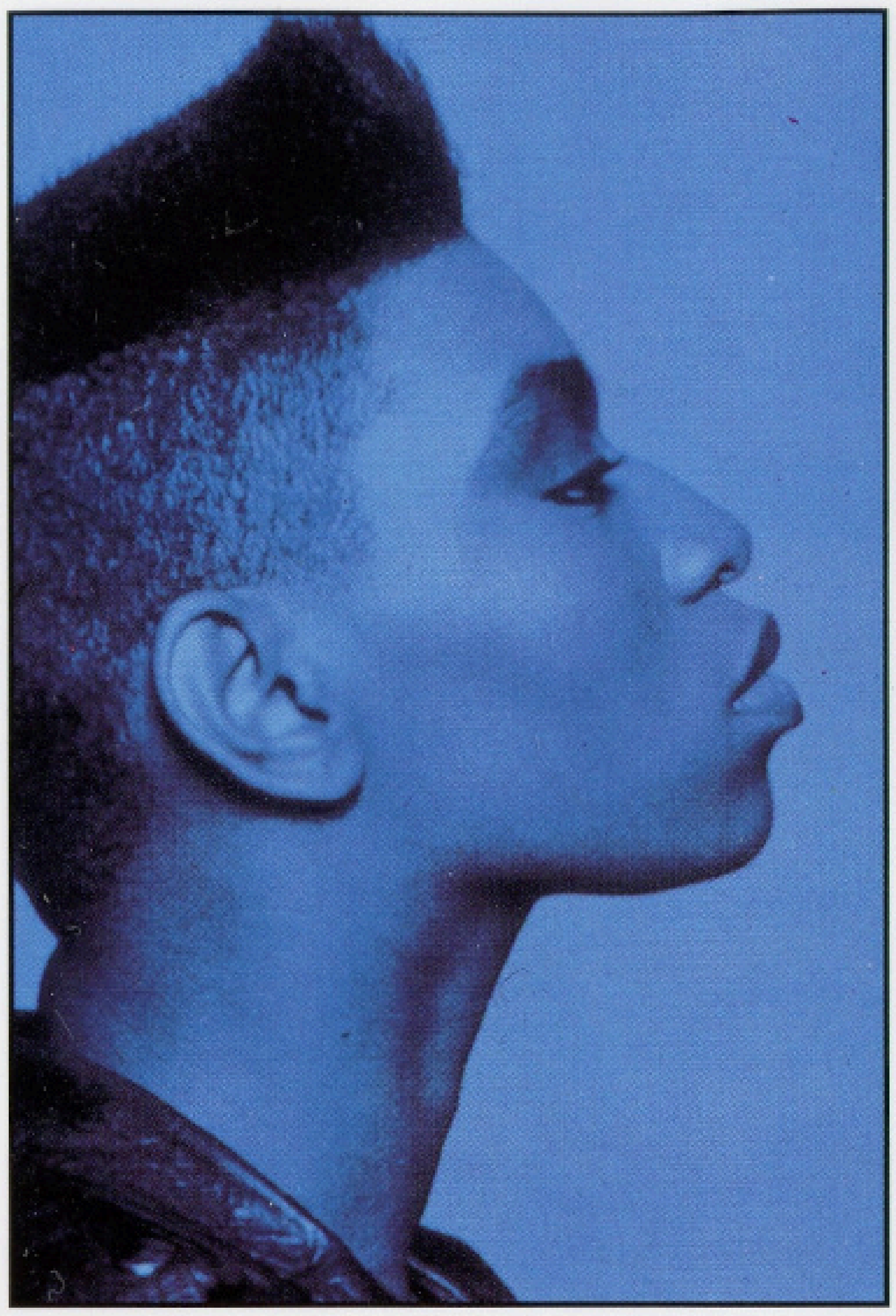
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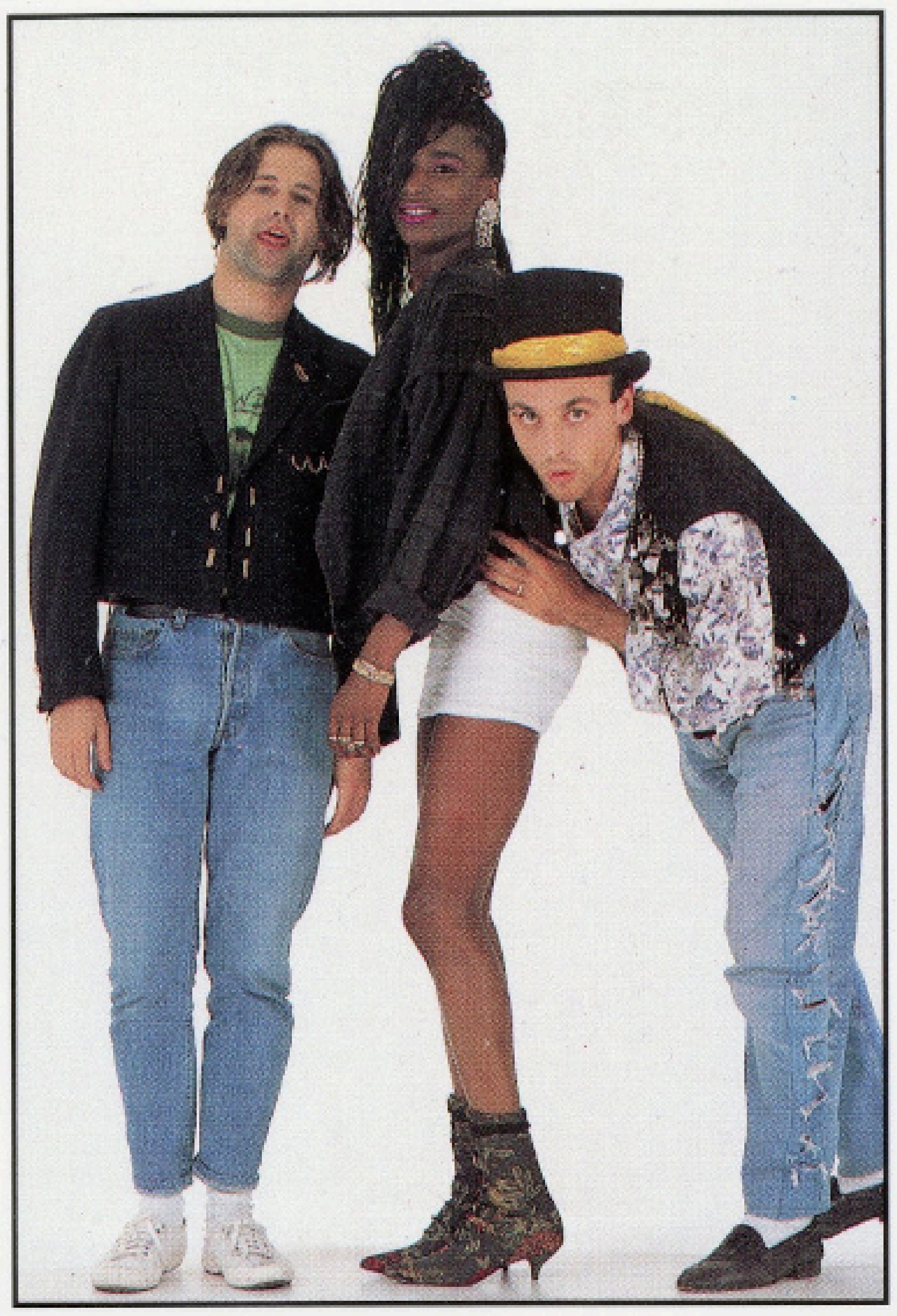
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ADEVA

Adeva became famous in 1988 partly for her stonkingly good deep house dance extravaganzas like "Respect" and "I Thank You", and partly for her deeply severe haircut and frightening stare. She is the youngest of six children, has a daughter called Paris, did a degree in psychology and music and taught in a school for the mentally handicapped. Her real name is Patricia Daniels (Adeva is a nickname she was given at school, "a diva" meaning "great woman singer"). Her religious parents once told her "you sing gospel or nothing at all", but she took no notice.

▶ 4. (Left to right) Mirko Limoni, Katrin Quinol, Daniele Davoli



A-HA

★ **A-HA** formed after **Pal Waaktaar** and **Mags Furuholmen** split up their previous group (called Bridges) and teamed up with a fan who had also sung in a couple of groups himself, **Morten Harket.** ★ They left Norway to seek fame and fortune in London. ★ The first video for their single "Take On Me" was something of a disaster but the famous semi-animated version swept the song to the top of the charts in America and was a huge hit in the UK too. **A-ha** were pop stars. ★ Since 1975 they've had a string of hits including "The Sun Always Shines On TV" and "The Living Daylights". ★ **A-ha** will return this year after a two year absence. Mags and Pal have been concocting some new songs for their next LP, while Morten has been busy getting married and studying rain forests.

BLACK BOX

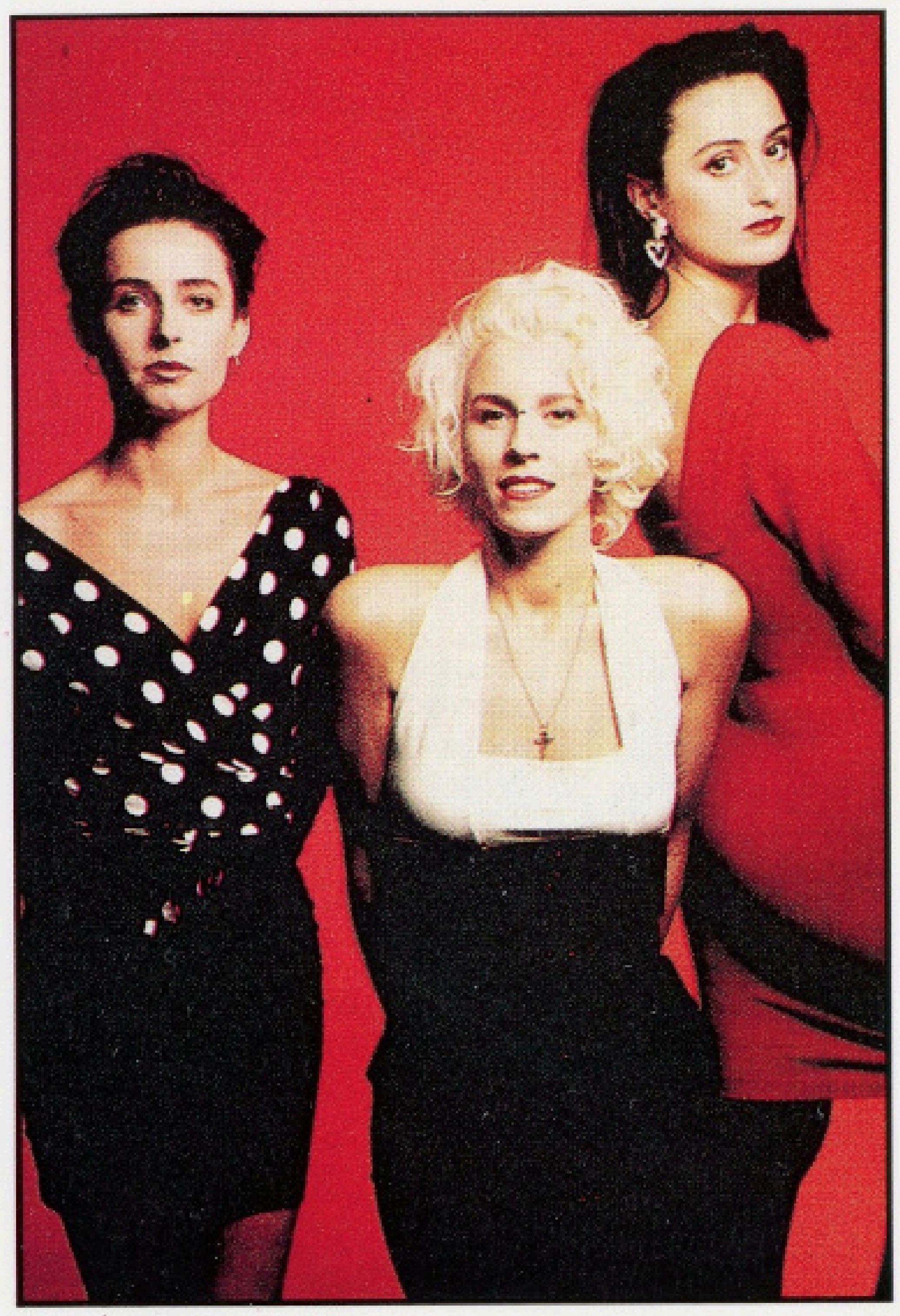
Black Box are three Italians – two simple "wizards" called Daniele Davoli and Mirko Limoni and a model (who doesn't sing) called Katrin Quinol. Daniele teamed up with Mirko early in 1989 and almost immediately started having huge pop hits. Unusually, each single was recorded under a different name – "Ride On Time" was by Black Box, "Numero Uno" was by Starlight, "Grand Piano" was by The Mixmaster etc. etc. Despite having to pay vast sums to soul singer Loleatta Holloway for ripping off her song "Love Sensation" in "Ride on Time", Daniele continues to churn out the hits.

▶ 2, 3. (Left to right) Mags Furuholmen, Pal Waaktaar, Morten Harket.



TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.1

In what respect is Catherine from Black Box's pet cat unusual? Is it: a/It has one blue eye and one grey, b/Its loud miaowing was sampled and appeared on the B-side of "Ride On Time", or c/It has two tails.



▲5. (Left to right) Keren Woodward, Sarah Dallin, Jacquie O'Sullivan

Bananarama invented themselves in 1979, when three chums – Keren Woodward (worked at the BBC, "really moody"), Sarah Dallin (studied journalism, "a bit moody") and Siobhan Fahey – started gallivanting in scruffy clothes and moccasins, and dancing out of time. Then Siobhan left to form Shakespear's Sister and so the others asked an old pal called Jacquie O'Sullivan to join them. And, er, she did!

BEATMASTERS

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▲ 6. (Left to right) Manda Glanfield, Paul Carter, Richard Walmsley

Manda Glanfield, Paul Carter and Richard Walmsley probably thought it would be a good idea to form mixin' combo the **Beatmasters** so they could discuss relative EQ and Midi interfaces (i.e. they're all studio boffins). So far they've roped in a top singing personage for each song, thus befriending super pop chartdom with ace "grooves" like "Rok Da House" with the Cookie Crew, "Who's In The House" with Merlin and "Hey DJ, I Can't Dance . . ." with Betty Boo. They're all quite old ("late" 20s "upwards"), proclaim "we have the beat coming out of us naturally" and like to play "amusing" practical jokes.

BANANARAMA

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.2

True or false: Bananarama have never toured.

THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

▼ 7, 8. (Left to right) Dave Stead, David Rotheray, Paul Heaton, Sean Welsh, Dave Hemmingway



They come from Hull! Two of them were in The Housemartins! Their hits have included "You Keep It All In" and "Song For Whoever"! The sleeve for their first LP was banned because it featured a picture of someone with a gun in his mouth! And also . . . **THEY'RE ALL CALLED DAVE!** Actually three of them are, and the other two are called Paul and Sean. **ONE OF THE DAVES LOOKS LIKE GEORGE MICHAEL!** Last year The South dressed up as other pop stars for *Smash Hits* and Dave Hemmingway discovered that he bore an uncanny resemblance to George Michael, "even though I can't grow a full beard". **THEY HATE STOCK AITKEN & WATERMAN!** "They're the *McDonald's* of pop. There's no quality," says Paul, who goes on to explain that The South think of themselves as a "spicy curry"(!)

BIG FUN



▲ **9, 10, 11, 12.** Mark Gillespie, Jason John, Phil Crestwick

TRICKY POP PUZZLER No.3

Name the dodgy disco group that Big Fun were in before they became Big Fun.

Big Fun are the all-"singing", all-dancing trio whose hits include "Blame It On The Boogie" and "Can't Shake The Feeling". ★ **Mark Gillespie** was born on 28/11/66 in Elgin, Scotland. His family emigrated to Australia when he was four, and he grew up on a dairy farm where he learned to milk a cow. The first concert he ever attended was Rod Stewart in Melbourne and the first record he bought was an Abba LP. He is the only member of Big Fun who isn't a mad Sun reader. He describes himself as "very quiet, quite reserved at times". ★ **Phil Crestwick** was born on 12/10/65 in a tiny village called Charlwood in Surrey. He has a younger sister called Tracey who he once pushed down the stairs and he once tried to learn to play clarinet but gave up after four lessons. When he was younger he wanted nothing else but to be an airline pilot because he thought it would be really glamorous. He thinks Margaret Thatcher has done a lot for the country and describes himself as "bossy". ★ **Jason John** was born on 18/3/67 in a place called Longford in Warwickshire. He has a sister called Wendy, a brother called David and a stepsister from his dad's second marriage. He used to work on a building site, then became a model and once got a part in a film called *Madame Sousatzka* but his bit was cut out. He thinks he has a dodgy nose. He is not wrong!



BOMB THE BASS

The half Chinese-Malaysian, half Scottish musical wizard that is **Tim Simenon** became incredibly famous in 1988 when he called himself Bomb The Bass and invented a rum tune called "Beat Dis" which rocked the pop world to its very foundations because it had no proper instruments on it. Nowadays *everyone's* at it and people in the music business think Tim's a genius and all want him to produce their super LPs and things. Thus, Tim, who was once a lowly bar "tender" in a Japanese restaurant, has had a hand in the success of pop notables such as Neneh Cherry and, more recently, Prince's old dancer pal Cat. In fact, rumour has it that Tim and Cat are also stepping out together which is a very pleasant notion, isn't it?

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.4

What musical instrument does Jon Bon Jovi collect? Is it: a/50s stratocaster electric guitars, b/vintage snare drums, c/mouth organs.



14. (Left to right) Alec Jon Such, Richie Sambora, Jon Bon Jovi, Tico Torres, Dave Bryan

BON JOVI

Heavy rock music was never much of a happener in the British pop charts until **Bon Jovi** popped up in 1986 with "You Give Love A Bad Name" and "Living On A Prayer", paving the way for the success of Def Leppard and Guns 'N' Roses. Bon Jovi were formed after Jon released a solo single called "Runaway" which was a small hit in New Jersey (the group's home town). Needing a group to back him he picked his favourite members of local bands and came up with Richie Sambora (guitar), Tico Torres (drums), Dave Bryan (keyboards) and Alec John Such (bass). The Jovi spend practically all of their days "on the road" and describe themselves as "a brotherhood".



JON BON JOVI

★ His real name is Jon Bongiovi ("Bongiovi" means "good youth" in Italian). ★ He was sacked from his job in a shoe shop because he used to always sing along to Bruce Springsteen records on the radio. ★ Jon and his long-time girlfriend Dorothea got married last year in Las Vegas when they were both a bit "pickled". ★ One lucky viewer of the American rock TV station MTV won Jon Bon Jovi's house in a competition last year. Jon's mum and dad sold it to the TV station who gave it away as a prize! ★ Jon is the undisputed King of Rock'n'Roll!



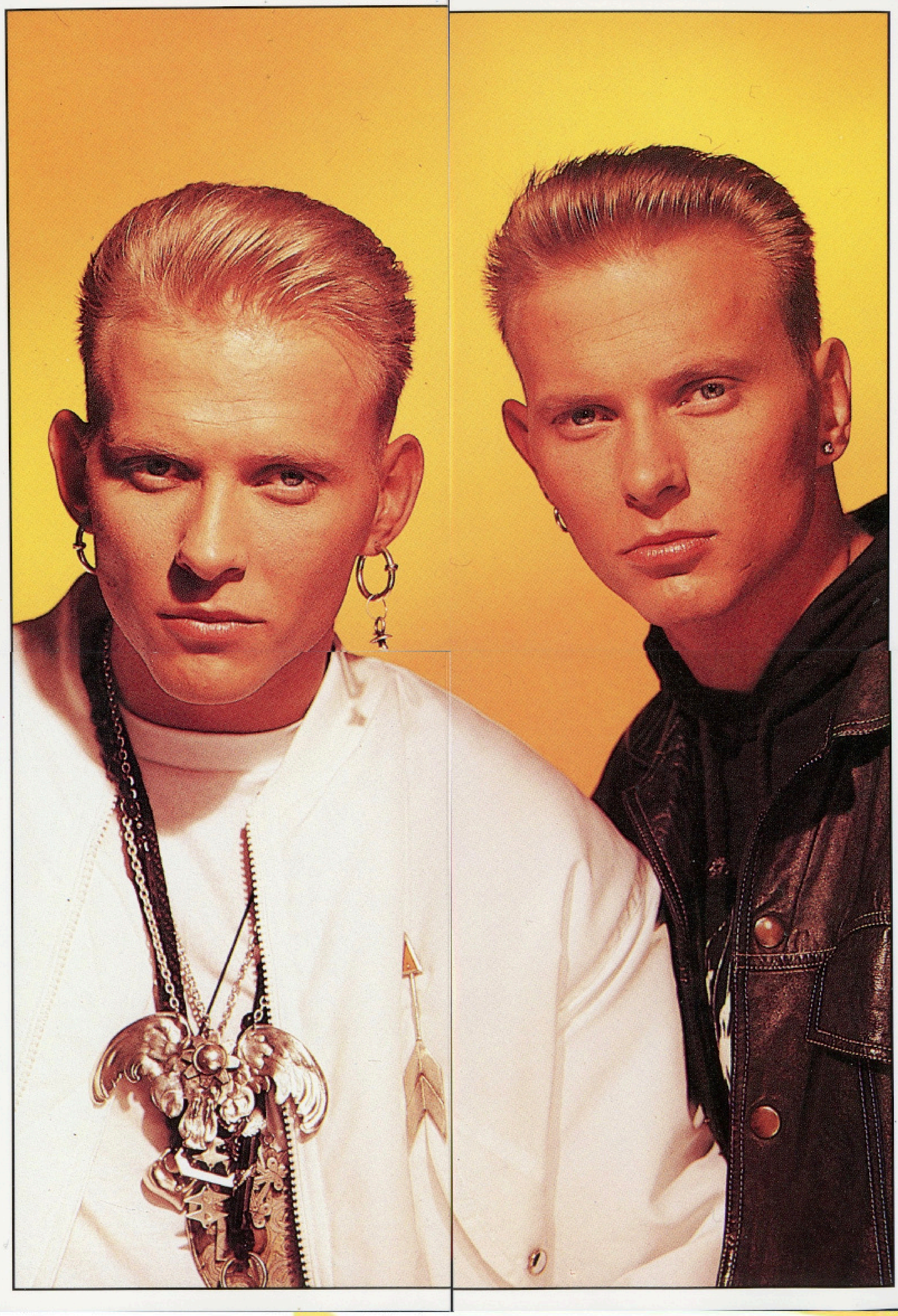
▲ **16.** (Left to right) Matt Goss, Luke Goss

BROS

For years twins **Matt** and **Luke Goss** and their chum **Craig "Ken" Logan** rehearsed their dubious act at the bottom of The Goss' garden. They were called Caviar, then Gloss, they "weren't very good" and had flicked hairdos from hell. But by 1987 they'd been to the barbers and invented some songs called "I Owe You Nothing", "When Will I Be Famous" etc and they swiftly became the biggest pop sensation in Britain for years. A nation ripped up their trouserwear as Bros "fever" gripped the populous, culminating in a sell-out nationwide tour in the summer of 1988 and their first LP "Push" has now sold over three million copies worldwide. They toured the universe and then Craig caught a virus "in his leg", fell out with the "lads" and left. A "comeback" concert at Wembley Stadium in August saw a "disappointing" turn out frolic to the super new sounds of "Too Much" "Chocolate Box" and "Sister" which were subsequent hits and Matt and Luke started going on about how much they loved each other (as well as their fans). "I think we've weathered the storm," states Matt reflectively, "Bros 1990, that's where we're looking now . . ."

Matt – Born Matt Weston Goss on 29 September, 1968, the younger of the twins soon established himself as a big girl's blouse, allowing himself to be shoved off a stool by his brother at the age of seven and splitting his head open. He spent much of his youth pretending to be Michael Jackson and once dressed up in stockings and suspenders for a school play. These days he is known as "Pampers" because of his inability to look after himself properly and is always blubbing in the night because he hasn't got a girlfriend and loves his fans. "I love my fans" he has said on numerous occasions, and plans to melt down the gifts of gold from said fans and put it in his coffin. He's a bit weird . . .

Luke – Born Luke Damon Goss on 29 September, 1968, he soon established himself as a really tough rock 'n' roll rebel and barely flinched when he had his back ripped open on a barbed wire fence. He spent much of his youth looking up girlies' netball skirts and having competitions to see how many "girlfriends" he could hold hands with per week. These days he likes driving around in expensive motorcars and blathering into his carphone to his girlfriend Shirley with whom he lives. He eats blue orbit chewing gum a lot and drinks triple brandies, such is the magnitude of his manliness. He once said "I'd *consider* posing in the nude for a million quid . . ." Oh dear.



TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.5

What did Matt and Luke Goss do as a Saturday job whilst they were still at school? Was it: a/shelf packing in *Tescos*, b/car valetting, c/helping out at a local recording studio.



BROTHER BEYOND

Brother Beyond are **Nathan Moore, David White, Carl Fysh** and **Steve Alexander**, four amiable chaps who took the world of pop by storm in the autumn of 1988 with a brace of Stock Aitken & Waterman tunes, "The Harder I Try" and "He Ain't No Competition". They even won the coveted *Smash Hits* Readers Poll Award for Best New Group. 1989 was not so kind to the 'Yond, however. Although "Be My Twin" and "Can You keep A Secret" were minor hits early in the year, their keenly awaited comback single "Drive On" only just scraped into the Top 40 and "When Will I See You Again" was a complete flop.

▲ **21.** (Left to right) Nathan Moore, Steve Alexander, David White, Carl Fysh

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TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.6 True or false: Bobby Brown was a school sports star in his younger days and won several medals in athletics competitions.



BOBBY BROWN

Bobby Brown was born in February 1969 and grew up in the Roxbury area of Boston in America – it was a "bad neighbourhood" and to prove it he was shot in the knee when he was ten and stabbed in the left shoulder when he was 11. Previous to this Bobby was a bit of a local star – having been in local talent contests for years – and thus, to escape further dodginess, he formed a singin', dancin' youngsters troupe called New Edition with his chums, and they sang lots of girlie tunes in squeaky voices. It worked! Six years later, Bobby left the hugely famous New Edition to make a solo LP called "King Of Stage" – but it wasn't until his second LP "Don't Be Cruel" in 1988 that he became legendary with his merry dance romps "My Perogative" and "Every Little Step" etc. In 1989 those very same records flew up the British charts and he arrived in London to display his "live experience". Bobby once filled a whole bed up with roses for a girlfriend and has a king-size bed in his tour-bus. "It's for comfort! I have to be comfortable on the road – you gotta get your sleep, right?"



BELINDA CARLISLE

★ She used to be a member of American girl group The Go Gos (along with Jane Wiedlin). ★ Her father used to be a carpenter. ★ She has always had to battle to keep her weight down and at school was called Ber-limper. ★ She has five dogs, a budgie called Humbert Humbert and a husband called Morgan Mason. ★ Once when she was eating a plate of spaghetti she swallowed a worm. ★ One night, when she was 17, sparks flew out of her arms and legs: "People are going to think I'm nuts," she predicts sensibly. ★ When she was little she built a raft in the back garden because she thought California was going to flood.

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.7 True or false: Neneh Cherry is allergic to dairy products and has to drink soya milk instead of the normal stuff.

NENEH CHERRY

Born on 10/3/64 in Stockholm, rapping sensation **Neneh Cherry** was raised all over the world due to the fact that her father Don was a famous jazz trumpeter. She went to school in New York at a place called PS3 where there wasn't any proper discipline so the kids used to run around mad. When she left, she worked as a nanny and a cleaner before running away to London aged 18 to join a daft "indie" band called Rip Rig And Panic who made three little known LPs. Then she met Bomb The Bass' Tim Simenon and made a record with him called "Buffalo Stance" and – Yo! – it reached No 3 in January '89. She appeared on *Top Of The Pops* eight months pregnant with her second daughter, Tyson, and now lives in north-west London with her boyfriend/manager Cameron and eldest daughter, Naima. Some other things which are known about Neneh are that she used to be able to stand on her head for 15 minutes as a child, she eats an entire packet of biscuits in front of the telly sometimes; she hates Maggie Thatcher; she once had Muhammad Ali's autograph on her arm and she has been known to say 'Yo!' once or twice.



They were four posh blokes from London who formed their "jazz-tinged soul" outfit in 1985. They hurtled from obscurity in December 1986 to have three top ten hits "Down To Earth", "Ordinary Day" (except it got to No 11) and "Misfit". By September 1987 they were down the dumper and didn't come back until 1989 declaring they'd merely been "in ver studio". They had one hit, "Name And Number" and . . . disappeared again! They are: **Ben**, 24: "my headgear isn't so intense this time, maaan"; **Migi Drummond**, 24, the handsome one, **Nick Thorpe**, 24, the one who got married and **Julian Brookhouse**, 25, who wore cardigans.

THE CHRISTIANS



▲ **30.** (Left to right) Garry Christian, Russell Christian, Henry Priestman

★ **Originally they were the singing Christian brothers, Garry, Russell and Roger, together with musician Henry Priestman but then Roger had a row and trounced off. ★ Henry Priestman used to be in a group called The Yachts and has a "a thing about stationery". ★ Gary has two daughters and was once given a toy traffic light for Christmas. ★ Russell worked as an apprentice carpenter and says he's "the quiet one in the group".**



PHIL COLLINS

Born 30/1/51, Phil Collins first found musical fame playing the drums and doing backing vocals for Genesis when Peter Gabriel was their lead singer. When "Pete" left in the late '70s, Phil became the frontman and Genesis soon became one of the biggest rock groups in the world. Not content with this, Phil began making solo singles like "In The Air Tonight", "Sussudio" and "Against All Odds", only to discover that they were even more successful than Genesis' records had been. Since then he's starred in a film called *Buster*, become a multi-millionaire and had his own lake dug in the grounds of his Sussex mansion.

CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT



▲ **32.** (Left to right) Julian Brookhouse, Nick Thorpe, Ben Volpeliere-Pierrot, Migi Drummond

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.8

Can you complete the following popular Phil Collins lyric:

Wouldn't you agree/ ..../ We got a groovy kind of love

DEACON BLUE

The Blue was Ricky Ross's idea. He was a school teacher in Dundee until he moved to Glasgow in 1985 to get a band together. In 1987 they released their first LP "Raintown", but it took them four singles before they eventually charted with the re-released "Dignity". They built up a huge "live" following and when they put out the first single from their "When The World Knows Your Name" LP it shot into the Top Ten. Ricky is divorced and now goes out with the Blue's backing singer Lorraine McIntosh.



▲ **33.** (Clockwise) Ewen Vernal, James Prime, Douglas Vipond, Lorraine McIntoch, Graeme Kelling (Centre) Ricky Ross



▲ **34.** (Left to right) Posdnuos, Dove, Mace

DE LA SOUL

De La Soul De La Soul are three youngsters from New York – **Posdnuos** (20), **Trugoy The Dove** (21) and **Pace Master Mace** (19) – who're responsible for such quirky rap records as "Say No Go" and "Eye Knew". Their first LP, "Three Feet High And Rising" is based around a mad quiz show, they wear large scruffy jumpers and leather pendants, they want to make a single with 20 different songs on it, and in the future they'd like to open a golf course and a doughnut shop. They also seem to find the words "chicken sandwich" utterly hilarious. No one quite knows why.

DEF LEPPARD



▲ **35.** (Left to right) Rick Savage, Joe Elliott, Steve Clark, Phil Collen, Rick Allen

Def Leppard are five completely charming blokes who were invented in Sheffield in 1977. They are **Joe Elliott** (singer), **Rick Savage** (guitar), **Ricky Allen** (drums), **Phil Collen** (guitar) and **Steve Clark** (bass) and they all like *Viz* comics. For the first two and a half years of their existence Joe couldn't sing a note. He'd only been hired because he was "tall and enthusiastic" and had once played Elvis Presley in a school play! He soon cottoned on, though, and the 'Lepps went on to sell over seven million copies of their first LP "Pyromania" and over 12 million copies of their second LP "Hysteria"! But still they insist, "We're just normal blokes who all like a beer now and again". How true!

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.9

Only one member of Def Leppard is married. Which one?

JASON DONOVAN



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★ **Jason** was born in Malvern, which is close to Melbourne, on 1/6/68. ★ His dad is a British actor named Terence Donovan and his mum is an Australian TV and news presenter called Sue McIntosh. They split up when Jase was five, Jason living first with his mum (for a short time) and then with his dad. ★ When Jason was about ten, his dad made a record – "a sort of rocky number" mumbles Jason – which flopped abysmally. ★ He sleeps on a futon and, interestingly, his duvet cover is creamy white with a zigzag pattern on it. ★ Jason used to be a huge fan of dodgy US "glam" rock group Kiss and used to dress up in all the dubious gear (make-up, high heels and a cape-shaped bit of cardboard were the essential accessories). Now his favourite pop stars include Madonna, New Order, INXS and Rick Astley. ★ He used to smoke but he gave up as his New Year's Resolution for 1988. ★ He went to a Catholic school even though he wasn't a catholic. "I don't know what I think about religion," he once mused. ★ Jason Donovan had five hit singles in 1989. "Especially For You" (a duet with Kylie), "Too Many Broken Hearts", "Every Day", and "When You Come Back To Me". The first three songs got to No 1, the last two to No 2. Crikey!

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO. 10

How many fillings does Jason Donovan have? a/2, b/c, c/None at all

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.11 What is Erasure vocalist Andy Bell's middle name? Is it: a/Herbert, b/Peter, c/Ivan.

ERASURE



▲ 42, 43. (Left to right) Vince Clarke, Andy Bell

Vince Clarke. ★ He used to be in Depeche Mode (but got fed up and left), then Yazoo (but Alison Moyet got fed up and left), then The Assembly (but he couldn't find any singers). ★ He discovered Andy after auditioning about 40 singers. ★ He crunches sweets in an annoying fashion and plays keyboards. ★ He is shy and likes to got to bed early. ★ He used to have a long floppy bit of hair over his face but he cut it off and now keeps it in an envelope at home. ★ He is very partial to grilled bacon.

Andy Bell. ★ He had never sung in a group before Erasure. ★ He is famous for his on-stage finery which has included rubber suits, tutus and ruby slippers. ★ He deliberately fattens up before Erasure go on tour: "Lots of potatoes, meat and eggs". ★ He and Vince have recently discovered the joy of wearing training shoes. ★ He likes looking out of his window at a partridge that perches outside every night. ★ He once phoned up a number in a magazine to hear the latest Kylie Minogue single: "It was something unusual to do, I suppose". ★ He has Madonna's autograph. ★ He wouldn't like to spend time on the moon: "It's much too dusty".

ELECTRONIC



▲ 45. (Left to right) Johnny Marr, Bernard Sumner

Electronic are the part time group formed by New Order's **Bernard Sumner** (who was inspired to be a pop star by a Huckleberry Hound annual and used to steal lead off roofs and ex-Smiths guitarist **Johnny Marr** (who left chocolate on Morrissey's window and was once caught with some stolen paintings). The name Electronic was chosen after rejecting Sell Your Body and One On One. When Pet Shop Boy **Neil Tennant** heard about the project he got in touch and helped write, *and* sing on Electronic's first single "Getting Away With It".

GLORIA ESTEFAN



★ She was born on 21 September, 1957 in Cuba – her mum taught in a kindergarten and her dad was a motorcycle policeman. ★ Last year her rabbit, Thumper, died, but she still has a pet dog called Sheetan. ★ Her group **Miami Sound Machine** have been famous for their Latin knees ups for years but she only became famous in Britain with blubby ballads like "Anything For You". ★ Her husband Emilio was her first boyfriend. ★ She doesn't sing in the shower. ★ She always watches the news before she goes to bed. ★ Her band call her CQ which is short for Conga Queen.



▲ 46. (Left to right) Andy Cox, Roland Gift, David Steele

FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS

★ They are **David Steele** (bass), **Andy Cox** (guitar) and **Roland Gift** (the singer). David and Andy used to be in an early '80s Ska combo called The Beat, and Roland was in two obscure punk bands called Blue Kitchen and The Acrylic Victims. ★ David was raised on the Isle of Wight. ("I went to the same school as Mark King from Level 42"). Andy was born in Birmingham, and so was Roland but he moved to Hull when he was a nipper. ★ Roland has appeared in two films: *Sammy And Rosie Get Laid*, and *Scandal*. ★ Their most successful LP to date is "The Raw And The Cooked" which "spawned" several hit singles in 1989. ★ It's rumoured that the Fine Young Cannibals will record a song with Madonna this year.

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▲ 47. (Left to right) Vickie Perks, Jo Dunne, Tina Fuzzbox, Maggie Dunne

FUZZBOX

They were invented by accident in 1986 when they stood in for a "proper" group in Birmingham one night. They were called **We've Got A Fuzzbox And We're Gonna Use It** and were a diabolical "punk" outfit with luminous hair who wore net curtains and couldn't play their instruments. Then they went away on tour for two years and returned in 1989 called Fuzzbox, wearing spacesuit uniforms and Dolly Parton hairdos. At least their tunes had improved slightly and were called "Pink Sunshine" and "Self" etc but they are best loved for their "zany" videos and outpourings about Elvis Presley being their lodger and fairies in their dishwashers etc. Fuzzbox are **Vickie, Tina, Jo** and **Maggie.**

DEBBIE GIBSON

Even though she's had loads of hits, **Debbie Gibson** is still only 19. She wrote her first song "Make Sure You Know Your Classroom" when she was just five and first became famous a few years ago when she was still at school. These days Debbie lives with her family in Los Angeles and her bedroom features an *en suite* recording studio just in case she wants to lay down some hot "tracks" in the middle of the night. Debbie's whole family work for her, her mum's her manager, two of her sisters are wardrobe assistants and another sister works for her music publishing company. She's been in a couple of films before (most notably Ghostbusters) and later this year she'll be in her first starring role in a dance movie called Skirts for which she's also, writing the soundtrack. Phew . . .



TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.12 Which of the following films has Roland Gift from the Fine Young Cannibals *not* appeared in? a/Sammy And Rosie Get Laid, b/My Beautiful Laundrette, c/Scandal.

▼ **50-53.** (Left to right) Izzy Stradlin, Slash, W. Axl Rose, Duff "Rose" McKagan, Izzy Stradlin



GUNS 'N' ROSES

A mere two years ago Guns 'N' Roses were so skint they were roughing it in LA, man, sleeping on the floors of their foxy chicks' homes, breaking down on the way to their super gigs in their van and starving hungry. Fortunately, things took a turn for the better and The Roses are now the baddest, meanest rockin' muthas from hell you ever saw and they've even got a few hits up their sleeves to prove it. First came "Welcome to the Jungle" in October 1988 – it wasn't much cop and no one heard of them again until 1989 when they suddenly had a veritable string of hits: "Paradise City" (highest chart position 7), "Sweet Child O' Mine" (5), "Patience" (10) and "Night train" (17). Guns 'N' Roses are:
★ **Axl Rose** – real name William Bailey (ho ho). The Roses so-called lead vocalist has five tattoos, and recently shot a pig at a barbeque, the heathen!
★ **Slash** – or rather Saul Hudson – was born in Stoke-on-Trent, plays lead guitar, owns three snakes and employs a bodyguard to follow him around when he's drunk. ★ **Steven "Boring" Adler** plays drums and was thrown out of eight different schools because of unruly behaviour.
★ **Izzy Stadlin**, known to his parents as Jeff Isabelle (har har!) Izzy is the other lead guitarist in the 'Roses and once ate nothing for five days because he's such a he-man. ★ **Duff "Rose" McKagan.** His real name's Michael, he plays bass and he's been in over 30 bands.

TRICKY POP PUZZLERS NO.13

True or false: When Axl Rose was a teenager he got very drunk one night and broke into a lunatic asylum and then broke back out of it again for a lark.

WHITNEY HOUSTON



Not much is known about the "legend" that is **Whitney Houston** because she's a bit of a pop recluse, but here are the facts: ★ Her last No 1, "I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)" carries the distinction of being the ninth longest title of a song to reach the chart top spot in history! ★ She always has terribly original album titles. Her last LP was called "Whitney" and the one before that was entitled "Whitney Houston" but that didn't stop "Whitney" from entering both the US and UK charts at No 1 in the same week – the first LP ever to do that, in fact! ★ When she was a nipper, Whitney's nickname was "Nippy". Both her mum (Cissy) and her auntie (Dionne Warwick) were famous singers too!

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MICHAEL HUTCHENCE

Originally, INXS consisted of just the Farriss brothers and so that's what they called themselves. Then they got their school chum Michael in and changed their name to The Vegetables. Thankfully they hit upon the name INXS and their present line up: **Tim, Andrew** and **Jon Farriss, Gary Beers, Kirk Pengilly** and **Michael Hutchence**. They became immensely famous, in Australia as early as 1983 but it wasn't until 1987 that their LP "Kick" got into the British charts and they started having hits. Considering their unsurpassed worldwide fame, surprisingly little is known of the five musicians in the band. That's because their lead vocalist person, ie Michael is a bit of a scene stealer due to his rather handsome features. Michael was born in Lane Cove, Sydney, Australia on 22/1/60, the son of Kell, an importer and exporter and Pat, a film make-up artist. Before becoming a superstar he was a hopeless cocktail waiter. Then he decided to become a rock legend and became famous for his twirlesque locks and every girlie in the world fancied him. Then they all changed their minds in February 1989 when he cut his hair and transformed himself into a vicar. He further shocked the world by suddenly going solo for a bit and forming a band called Max Q whose single "Way of the World" was an unrivalled flop and as if that wasn't bad enough he was then pictured in the papers arm in arm with Kylie Minogue! The two are reputedly in love.

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.14

Michael Hutchence has three scars on his chest, but how did they get there? Was it: a/They're tribal scars that one of his mates "gave" him when he was 10, b/They're from when he nicked his big brother's bike and crashed it aged 15, c/They're nail marks left by a hysterical girlie who grabbed him on-stage three years ago.

INNER CITY

Inner City are **Kevin Saunderson** (25 – computer boffin and "muso" who writes all the tunes and plays the instruments) and **Paris Grey** (24 – noisy, outgoing singer who writes the melodies and whose real name is Shanna Jackson). Their first single "Big Fun" languished in Kevin's techno-friendly boudoir in Detroit until some bloke discovered it while collecting tracks for a compilation LP. He thought "Big Fun" was a work of genius – as did the so-called single-buying public. "Good Life", "Ain't Nobody Better" and all the other ones followed and now Inner City are rich and famous and good-looking (apart from Kevin) ho ho.



▲ **58.** (Top) Kevin Saunderson (Bottom) Paris Grey

MICHAEL JACKSON



TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.15

Name the film, released last year, in which Michael Jackson turns into a racing car and other such "interesting" items.

Born on 28/8/58 Michael Jackson started life as a singing and dancing sensation in The Jackson 5. They were very popular in the '70s and had loads of hits, including "I Want You Back" and "ABC". In fact they were so successful that a ropey cartoon series about them was made. But by the end of the '70s Michael had made enough records on his own to become a proper solo artist, made an LP called "Off The Wall" and earned enough money to have his first nose job. Then he made the best-selling LP of all time, "Thriller" dressed up as a zombie and went mad. The "news"papers were full of stories about how he didn't like humans and only talked to his pet chimp Bubbles, and other such nonsense. But Michael didn't care and in 1987 made an LP called "Bad" and shocked the entire world with his toe-twirlings by setting out on a world tour. Since then the "news" papers have carried stories saying that his face is falling apart due to cosmetic surgery and that he's trying to heal the so-called rifts between himself and his family by holding weekly "get-togethers" at his ranch. Nevertheless he still remains the most famous pop star in the world.

JANET JACKSON



★ Janet Jackson is famous for many things, the most interesting of which are: ★ She's Michael Jackson's little sister. ★ She's had four LPs out including the rather brilliant "Control" and the spookily titled "Rhythm Nation 1814". ★ She's completely obsessed with the colour black. ★ She used to be married to singer James DeBarge, but got divorced after ten minutes. ★ She now lives with her boyfriend Rene Elezondo who's also her sort-of manager.



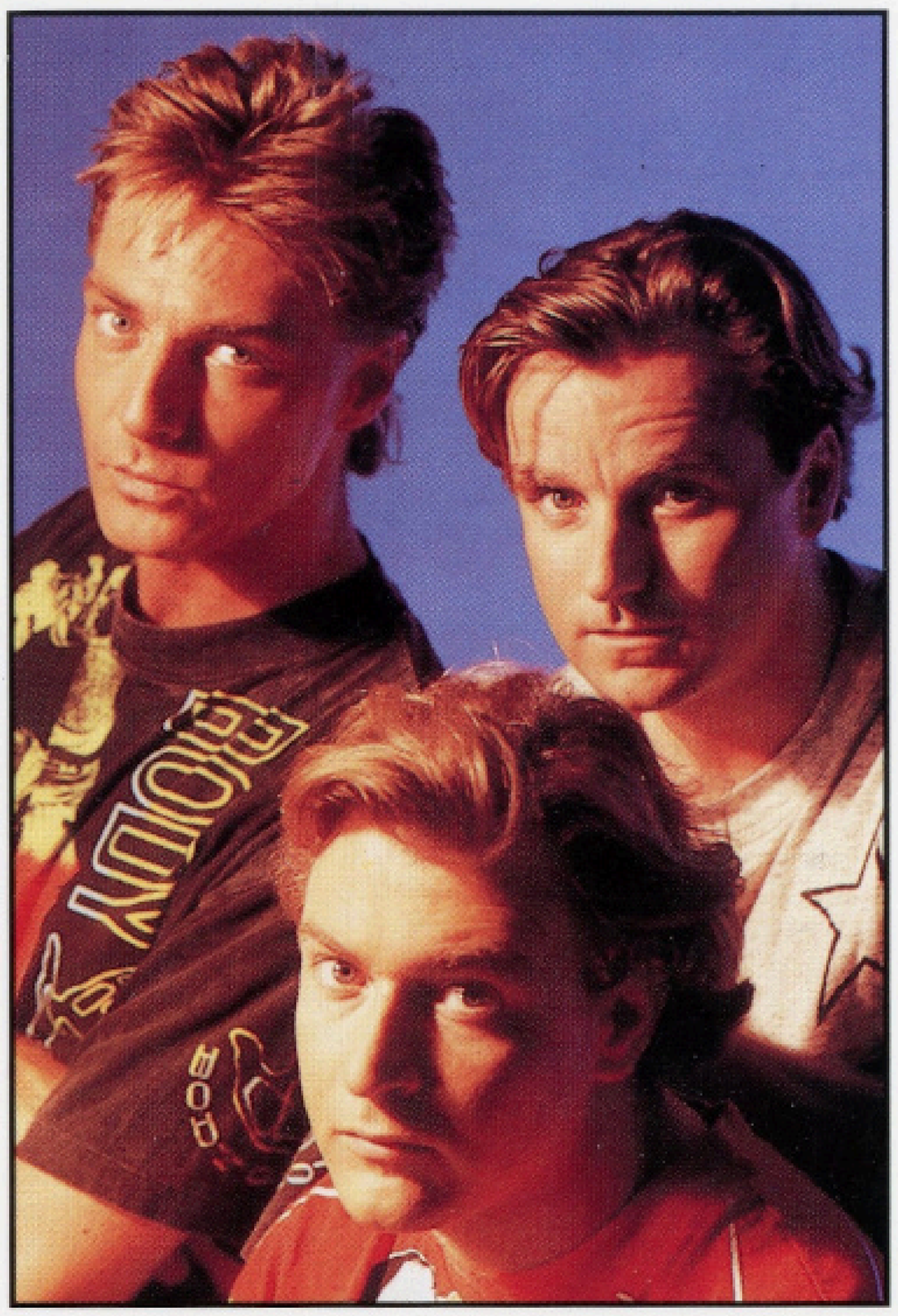
▲ 62. (Left to right) Ian Morgan, Jive Bunny, Andy Pickles

JIVE BUNNY

Jive Bunny records were thought of by electrical shop owner **John Pickles** who is now planning Jive Bunny cartoons and "kiddies" stories. The first single, "Swing The Mood", was from an idea by an ex-miner living in Norway called **Les Hemstock**, helped by John's son Andy. The next two No 1s, "That's What I Like" and "Let's Party" were done by Andy Pickles and DJ Ian Morgan, who linked together old records and recreations of old songs. The person dressed up as a bunny for publicity is a friend called Joe. He says that the costume's very hot!

LIVING IN A BOX

Living In A Box, Northern lads **Richard Darbyshire, Marcus Vere** and **Anthony "Titch" Critchlow,** helter-skeltered into the chartways in April 1987 with their "anthemic" "Living In A Box". Although they're hardly spring chickens (they're all about 30), they've rendered the nation aflutter with "Blow The House Down", "Gatecrashing" and the "weepy" "Room In Your Heart". Interestingly, Richard has a macho rubber plant called Frank. Marcus has "a girl's car" and used to catch wasps in a bread wrapper. Titch . . . er, has a Blue Peter badge.



▲ 63. (Clockwise) Richard Darbyshire, Titch Critchlow, Marcus Vere

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.16

True or false: "Titch" from Living In A Box used to be a Country & Western group called Buckwheat Joe And The Honky Tonk Guitar Ensemble.



◀ 64. (Left to right) Edem Ephraim, Dennis Fuller

LONDON BOYS



▲ **65, 66.** (Left to right) Edem Ephraim, Dennis Fuller

LONDON BOYS

It's **Dennis** and **Edem!** Those daredevil acrobats with the billowing breeks and the rippling "pecs" who are famous not only for their many hits like "Requiem", "Harlem Desire" and "London Nights", but also for their lyrics, like the one about having a snowstorm up your nose etc. and, most of all, for their astonishing airborne tumbles. Dennis (surname Fulller) and Edem (Ephraim) come from London (hence the name). They've known each other since they were 11 and when they were 15 they became famous in Germany as a top roller-skating duo called The Roxy Rollers. Their "great" tunes are all written by a mad producer called Ralf Renee Maue and it is a little known fact that they make most of their own clothes.



TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.17

What is Madonna's dad's name?

MADONNA



★ She was born on 16/8/58 in Rochester, Michigan. ★ Her full name is **Madonna** Louise Ciccone and her confirmation name is Veronica. ★ Her family nickname was Little Nonni. ★ As a youngster she'd hang upside down in the gym to show off her underwear and would be dangled from the clothes line by her brothers. ★ After failing to become a famous dancer she was in bands called The Breakfast Club, Emmy, Emmemon, The Millionaires and Modern Dance before becoming a disco superstar on her own. ★ She has made several films: *Vision Quest* (a small part as a singer), *Desperately Seeking Susan* (chewing gum and leading a double life), *Shanghai Surprise* being a missionary and falling backwards out of windows), *Who's That Girl* (chewing gum and larking about with a cougar), *Bloodhounds of Broadway* (having black hair and larking around with gangsters) and the forthcoming *Dick Tracy* (gallivanting with Warren Beatty). ★ In 1985 she first said, "I wouldn't wish being Mrs Madonna on anyone" then married Sean Penn and dedicated her "True Blue" album to him, "the coolest guy in the universe".

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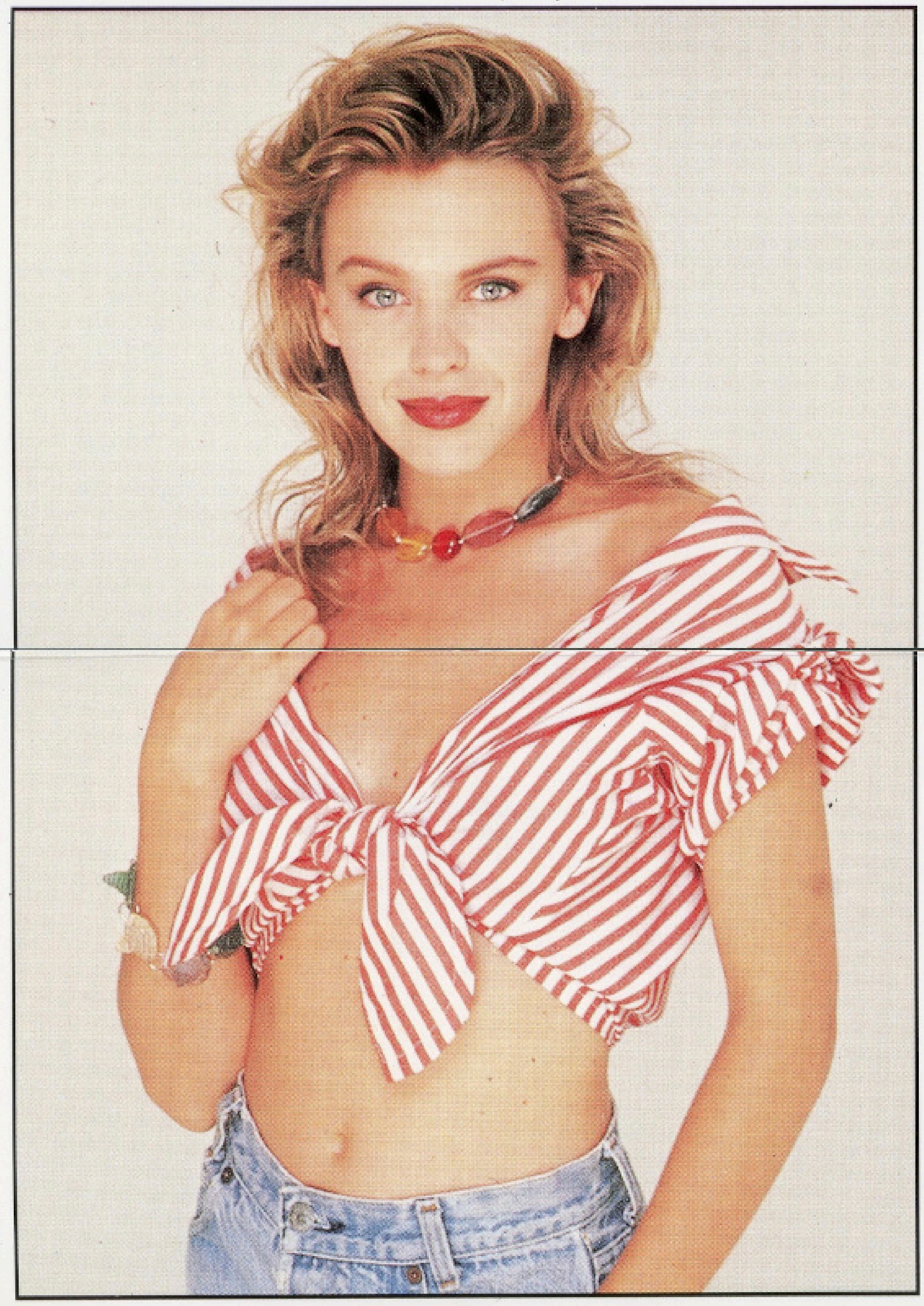


Marta Marrero ("Martika's been my nickname since I was a little girl") was born 18/5/69 in Los Angeles to Cuban parents. She "always knew" that she was going to be a performer and "delighted" her family and friends with her gurgling of a soap opera theme tune at a tender ten months. Soon she was taking dancing lessons and at 12 she appeared in her first film, *Annie*, as a dancing orphan. She hated it as, "all the girls were horrible, snobby Hollywood brats" . . . indeed **Martika** was to lead a chum-free life during her formative years. "I never really had many friends at school. I was a real loner," she drawls. The US TV show *Kids Incorporated* (oh dear) was next on her road to superstardom – Martika played the "sickeningly sweet" Gloria for three years until she was 17. Then – then! – she became a pop star – something that she's wanted to do ever since seeing Boy George on the telly. In a trice, her lung-murdering "epic" "Toy Soldiers" zoomed up the charts, to be followed by "I Feel The Earth Move". Martika believes in reincarnation, she likes reading and doesn't like falling in love, she doesn't worry unduly about the ozone layer ("Well I knew we were having a problem with some layer or other but that's all") and she once said that she could have a "killer body". Whatever that is.

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.18 What is Martika allergic to? Is it: a/elastoplast, b/iguanas, c/penicillin.

KYLIE MINOGUE

★ **Kylie** was born on 28/5/68 in Melbourne, Australia. ★ Her mum was originally Welsh but moved to Australia when she was young. Kylie's dad is an accountant who looks after Kylie's fortune for her. ★ Kylie got her first acting job when she went with her little sister Dannii to an audition and landed a part in a show called *Skyways* (where she first met Jason Donovan). ★ After that she worked on a couple of other shows (*The Sullivans* and *The Henderson Kids* have both been shown here) until she finally left school and got a full time job in the new Australian soap *Neighbours*. ★ When the *Neighbours* cast appeared at a charity show in Australia, Kylie sang a version of the ancient dance tune, "The Locomotion". It went down such a treat that an Australian record company asked her to record it as a single. It was No 1 in Australia for weeks and became the biggest selling single for years!





★ Back in England, ace hit manufacturers Stock, Aitken & Waterman knocked out a tune called "I Should Be So Lucky" one lunchtime, Kylie recorded it and it was No 1 before you could blink! ★ Since then she's enjoyed countless hit records, a rumoured affair with her *Neighbours* co-star Jason Donovan, a real affair with INXS rock hunk Michael Hutchence and has made her first feature film *The Delinquents*. ★ Kylie is very rich (but very small).

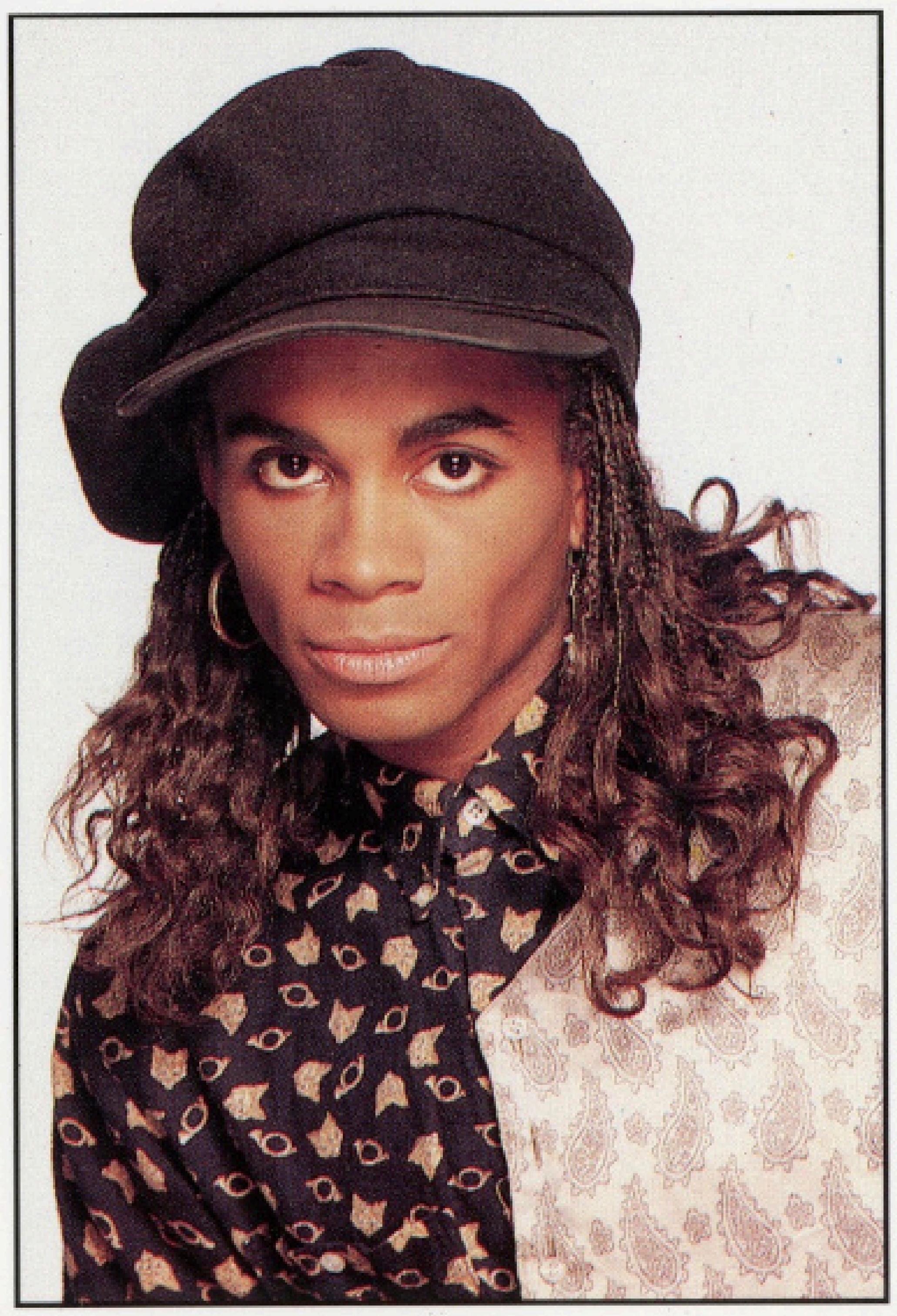
TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.19

Everyone knows that Kylie Minogue is a tiddler, but how tall is she exactly? Is she: a/5′ 1″, b/4′ 9″, c/5′ 2½″.

MILLI VANILLI



▲ **77.** Rob Pilatus

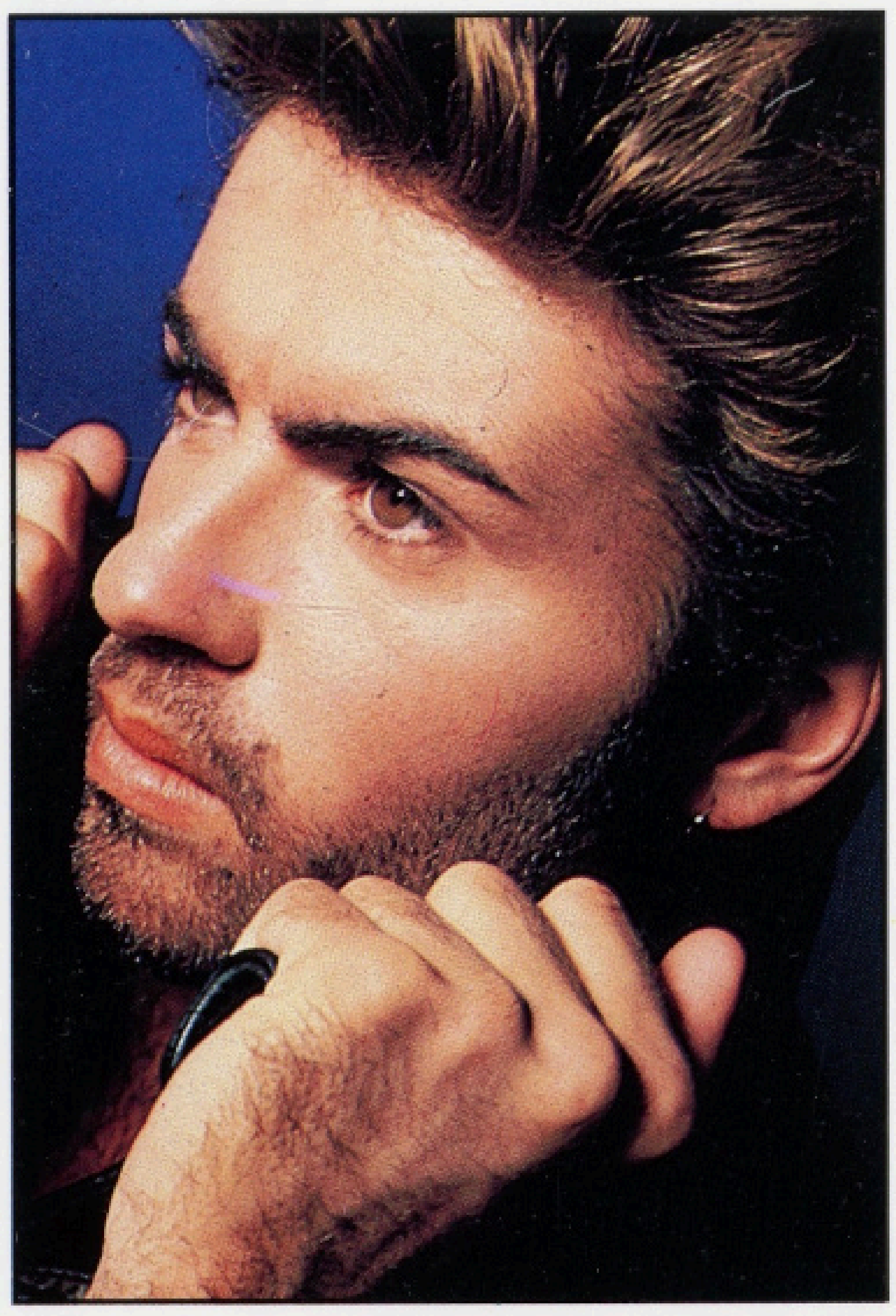


▲ **78.** Fabrice Morvan

Milli Vanilli are the Eurohunk duo who've had many hits, including "Girl I'm Gonna Miss You" and "Blame It On The Rain". Robert Pilatus, or "Rob" to his mates, was born on 8/6/65 in New York. When he was younger he either wanted to be a priest or a woman.(?) This may have something to do with the fact that he's an orphan and was raised by nuns. These days he lives in a swank pad in Los Angeles with his pal Fab. ★ Fabrice Morvan, or "Fab" to his closest friends, was born on 14/5/66 in Guadaloupe in the West Indies. As a child he wanted to become a doctor or an archaeologist. The worst experience of his life was when he did a photo session with black make-up on his face. "You could only see my eyes and teeth," said Fab. "Oooh, it was heavy."

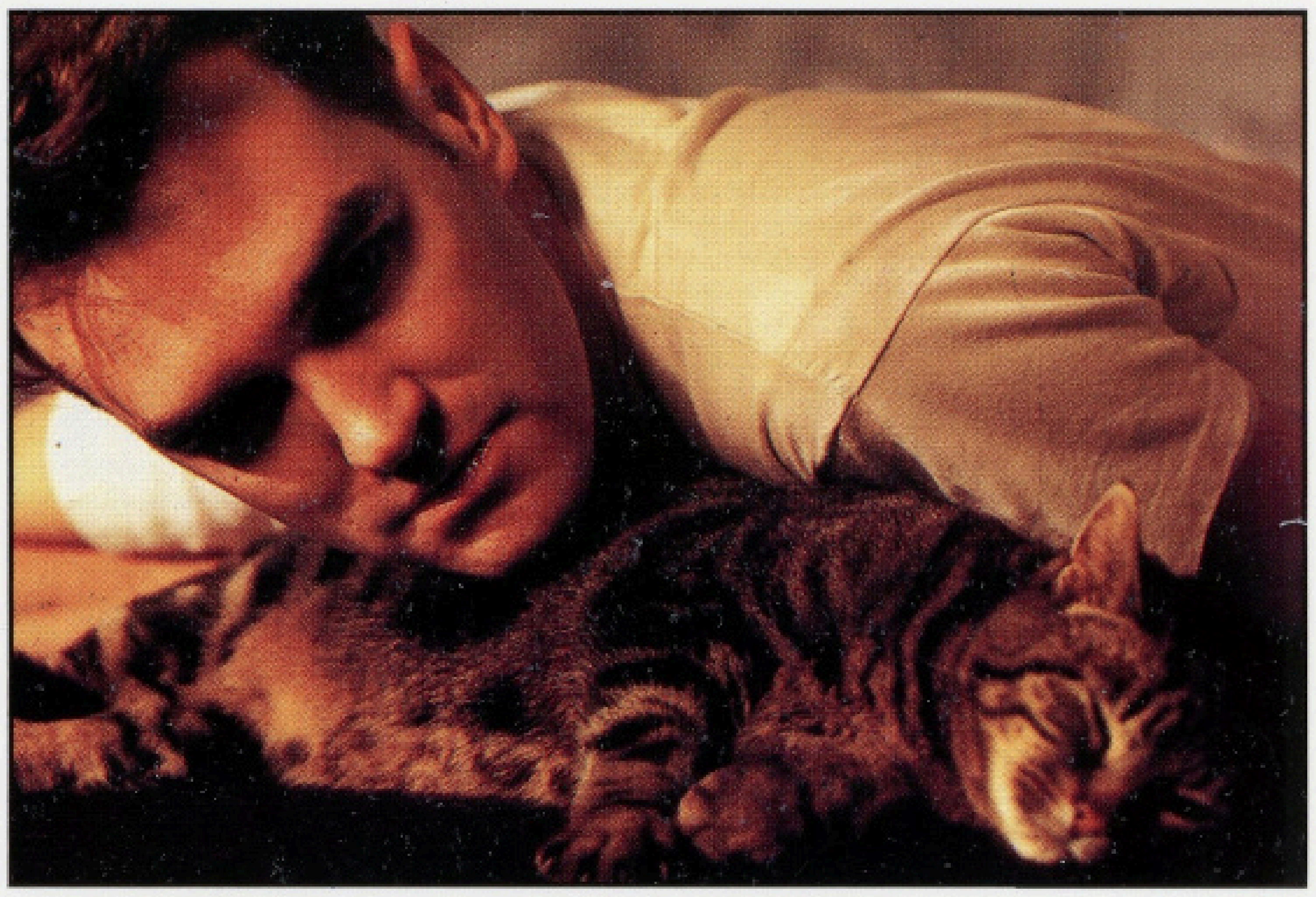
GEORGE MICHAEL

★ His real name is **Yeorgos Kyriakou Panayiotou.** ★ He kept to himself at school and wore unflattering spectacles – unlike his chum, **Andrew Ridgley** who was rather trendy. ★ The unlikely couple teamed up to form The Executive; and then **Wham!** ★ In 1986 **Wham!** released the "Edge of Heaven" EP. It was the last time the duo were to record. ★ George went solo and his LP "Faith" was hailed as a work of genius. ★ These days, when George isn't visiting his parents in North London, he's hanging out in LA. ★ He's just written a book with a famous rock journalist, **Tony Parsons,** called *"George Michael – The Authorised Biography"*.



MORRISSEY

Born Stephen Patrick **Morrissey** on 22 June, 1959 in Manchester, "Morrissey" spent his youth in his bedroom reading books by "eccentric" author Oscar Wilde. In 1982 he invented The Smiths and lots of glum youngsters swooned at his anthems of doom called things like "Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now". For four years Morrissey unleashed his stout opinions about beefburgers and The Royals. In 1987 The Smiths split up but Morrissey continued to have hits with the equally po-faced "Every Day Is Like Sunday" and "Interesting Drug", etc. Morrissey likes yoghurt, '60s films and tea and toast on a Sunday. Especially if it's raining.



TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.20

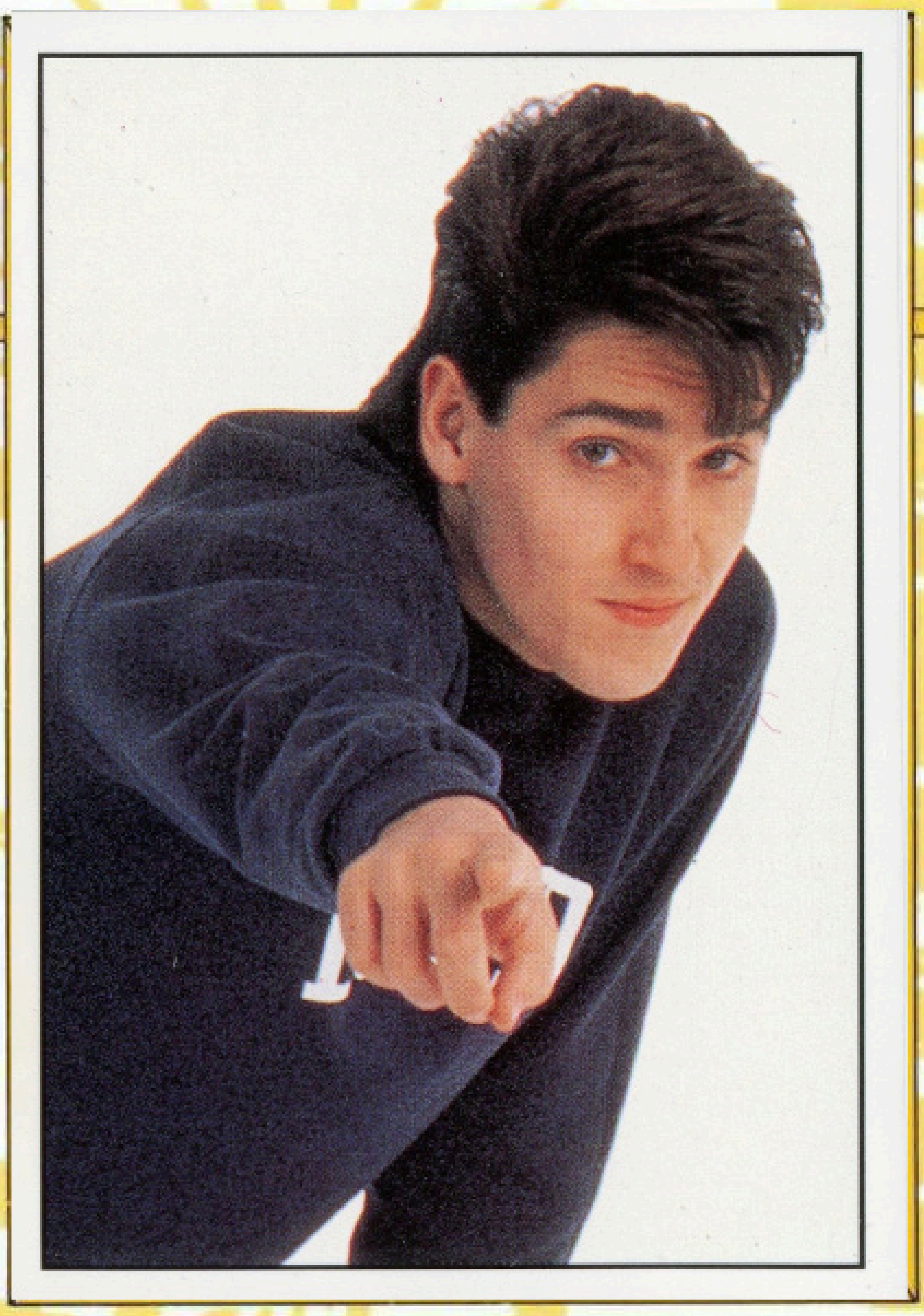
What were the names of George Michael's first two solo singles?

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

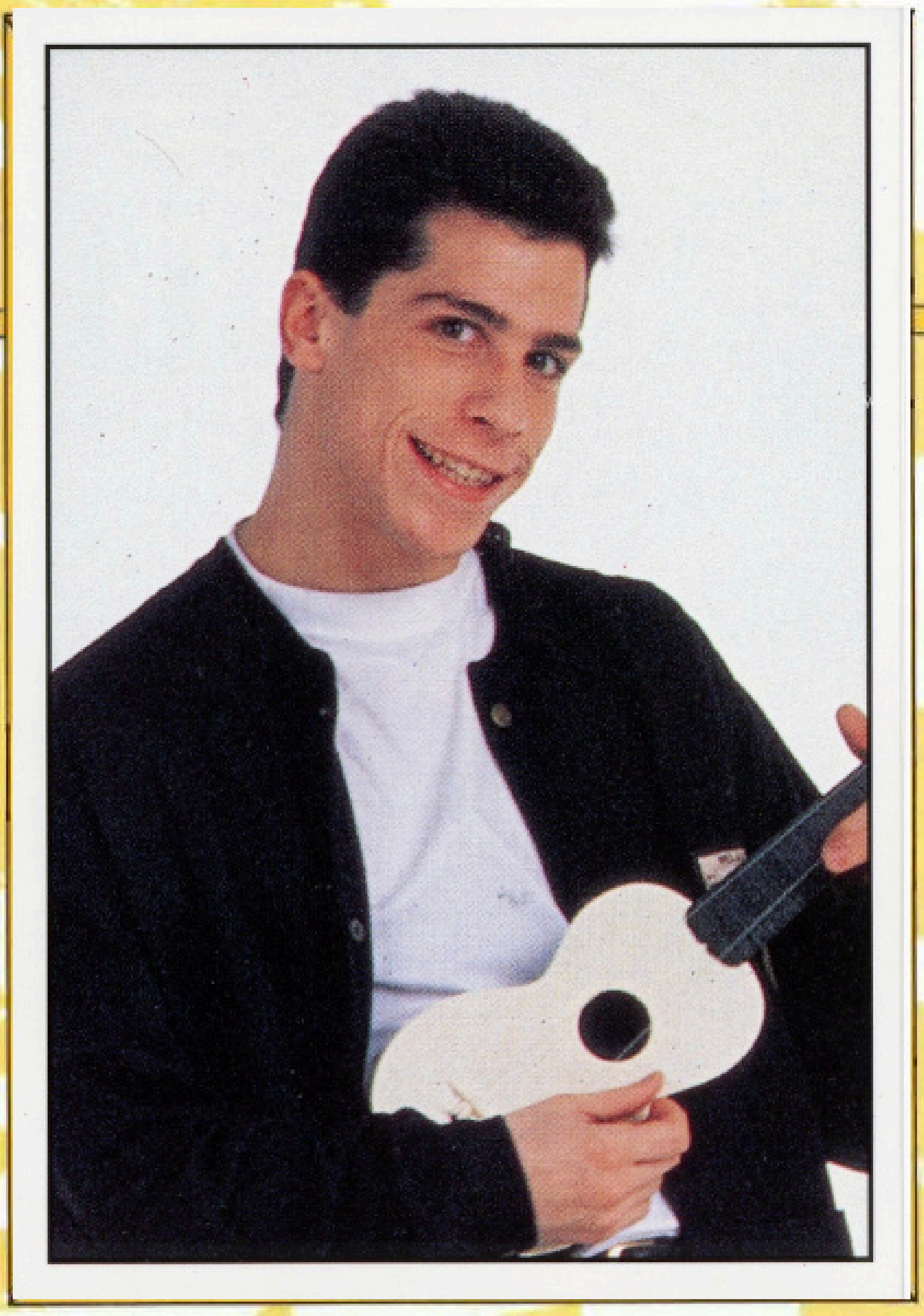


▲ **81, 82.** (Left to right) Donnie Walhberg, Joe McIntyre, Danny Wood, Jon Knight, Jordan Knight

◀ **New Kids On The Block** were invented about five years ago by a bloke called Maurice Starr (who also created New Edition, Bobby Brown's old group) when he chanced upon Donnie doing some "street dancing" one day. Donnie then roped in his old school pals from Boston, Massachusetts ie Danny, Jordan and Jon and they "formed" a group. Joe, the tiddler in the band, joined later and the 'Block were complete. After two years dabbling in the dumper The 'Block embarked upon a three year tour of the USA and soon everyone was cheering at their chirpy demeanours and super formation dance routines. Their first British single, "Hangin' Tough" flopped shamefully the first time so they released "You Got It (The Right Stuff)" which stayed at No 1 for four weeks!



▲ Unlike Donnie, **Jonathon Rashleigh Knight** (29/11/69) has never commited a crime in his life because he's an all-round goodie gumdrops. "I hang around with the right people, stay away from trouble," he explains. Jon is the sensible member of the 'Block. He claims he looks after the others and likes nothing more than to mow the lawn when he returns from a hard year's touring.



▲ **Danial William Wood** (14/5/70) is known to his pals in the 'Block as Puff McCloud, Dave, Zitto, Stump and Chico Jose Toyota Junior! he's reputedly the nice one in the group ie the one everyone can wibble to when they're feeling a bit under par. It was almost the life of crime for Danny. He got "busted" for stealing clothes, "They took me to jail but I was under age so they let me go. I learned my lesson." He used to have a fish called Frog (now sadly deceased) and insists that he's the stable one in the 'Block.

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Jordan Nathaniel Marcel Knight (17/5/71). Jordan is the youngest of six, he has two vampire teeth and his eyebrows "connect on off days"! His brother Jon reckons he's "real artistic". Jordan is the lead singer in the 'Block, along with Donnie and he puts some of his good luck down to a tatty old bracelet he's worn as a good luck charm for over six years. Jordan's dad is an episcopal priest and his mum is a social worker. His faults include biting his nails – except he doesn't do it anymore because he's got a brace on his teeth and, "I can't chew 'em anymore." Jordan says he's the "sweetener" in the group. "I make things sweet."

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.21

How many LPs have New Kids On The Block had out in America (and what are the LP titles)?



Joseph Mulrey McIntyre (3/12/72). Little Joe was named after his dad's best friend. Joe thinks he's "chilled out" and "family orientated". He's also a devout Catholic and wears a St Christopher, a St Joseph and a crucifix on a chain round his neck which he never removes. His nickname is "Bird" because Donnie reckons he looks like one. He started his life on the "stage" in the Neighbourhood Children's Theatre of Boston where he fell in love with Chrissie, his first girlfriend, when he was twelve. Joe is, by his own admission, the "little wise guy" in the group and he frequently gets into fights with Donnie and Jordan, because he's so annoying!



Donald E. Wahlberg (17/8/69) is the eighth of nine children. Donnie is most noted for his dementedness and his silk boxer shorts. He spent his youth escaping from the law – he wasn't much cop at it because he was arrested three times. When he isn't being called Donnie, he likes to be referred to as Dexter P. (?) or Cheese. He can often be seen sporting a spook beard because, "If I don't let it grow out these bumps come." And glasses, "I have perfect sight but I have to wear the glasses to hide my red nose. Why is my nose red? Because I wear these glasses." Donnie insists he is, "somewhere between an intellectual and a Schizo."

NEW ORDER

Way back in the early '80s **Ian Curtis**, singer with gloomy Manchester "cult" band Joy Division (very "ironic"), committed suicide. The rest of the group, **Peter Hook, Bernard "Barney" Sumner** and **Steven Morris**, recruited **Gillian Gilbert** ("we wanted someone who couldn't play") and promptly formed New Order. Their single "Blue Monday", released in '83, is the biggest selling 12" ever (2½ million "units", fact fans!) Then followed "Perfect Kiss", "Bizarre Love Triangle", "True Faith" amongst the scores of other top pop hits. Such success never stopped them being grumpy though.



▲ **88.** (Left to right) Stephen Morris, Bernard Sumner, Gillian Gilbert, Peter Hook

PET SHOP BOYS

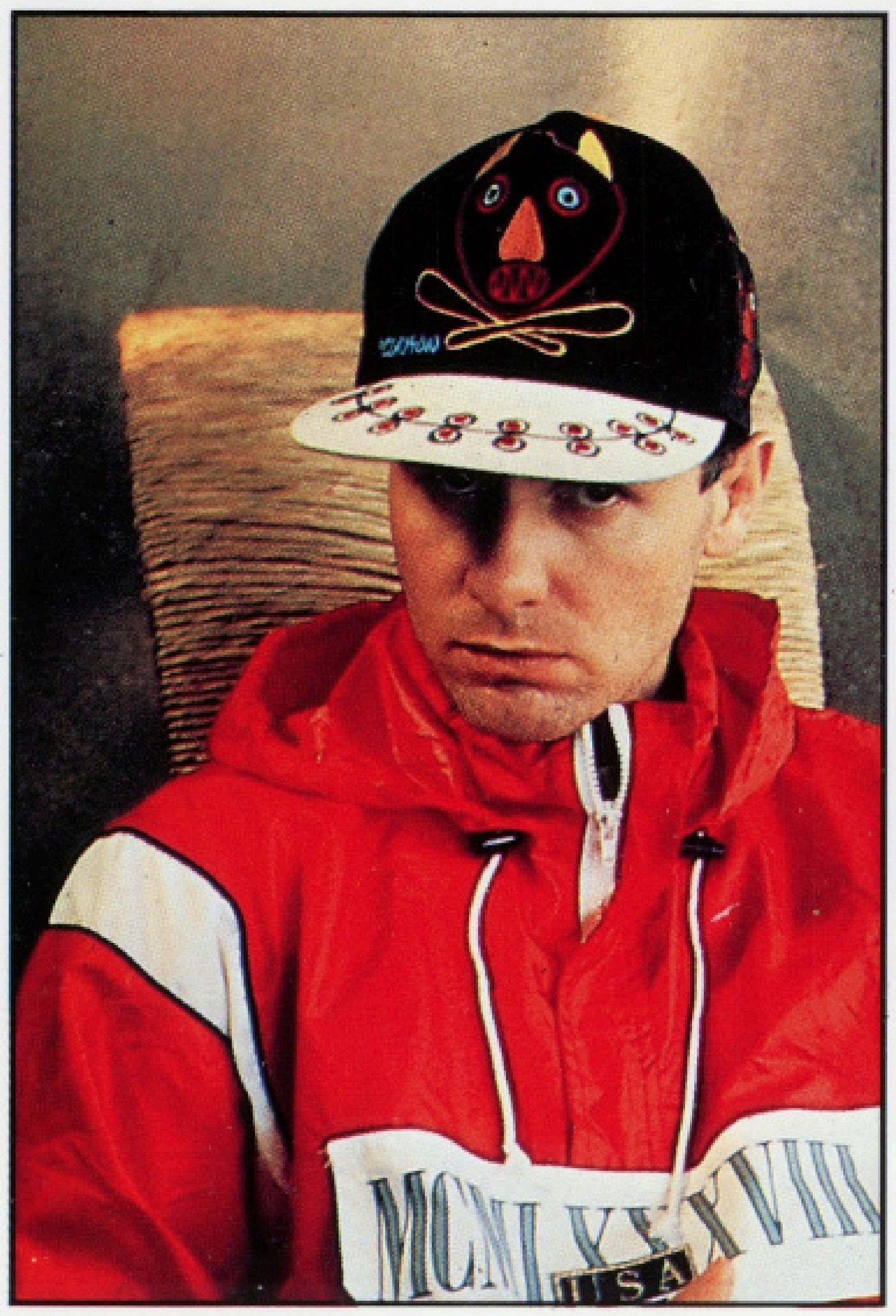
NEIL

Neil Tennant was born on 10 July, 1954 in Newcastle and was once a member of a severely dodgy combo called Dust. He began working life in comics and ended up being the Assistant Editor of *Smash Hits*. The story goes that the Pet Shop Boys first met in a hi-fi shop in Chelsea in 1981 and released their first record in 1983 (an early version of "West End Girls" which was their first No 1 in 1985). He recently gave up jogging because he heard it was bad for your legs.

CHRIS

Chris Lowe is one of the very few pop stars to have swotted for two university degrees – and got them! He's 30 years old and comes from Blackpool. He studied architecture and when he first met Neil, Chris was £5,000 overdrawn and says he still has a constant fear of losing all the money he's earned and ending up a tramp. Last year the Pet Shop Boys went on tour for the first time and Chris broke with tradition and actually danced on-stage to everyone's surprise.







◀ **91.** (Left to right) Chris Lowe, Neil Tennant

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.22
Which of the following artistes have the Pet Shop Boys *not* written tunes for: Dusty Springfield, Liza Minelli, Petula Clark, Patsy Kensit.

PRINCE



Born 7/6/58, the son of a jazz pianist, **Prince Rogers Nelson** soon showed promise of becoming a musical genius by learning to play guitar, piano and many other instruments. However it wasn't until 1984 after making his "Purple Rain" LP and film that he began having proper hits like "When Doves Cry" and "Lets Go Crazy". Since then he's worn many different weird outfits on-stage.

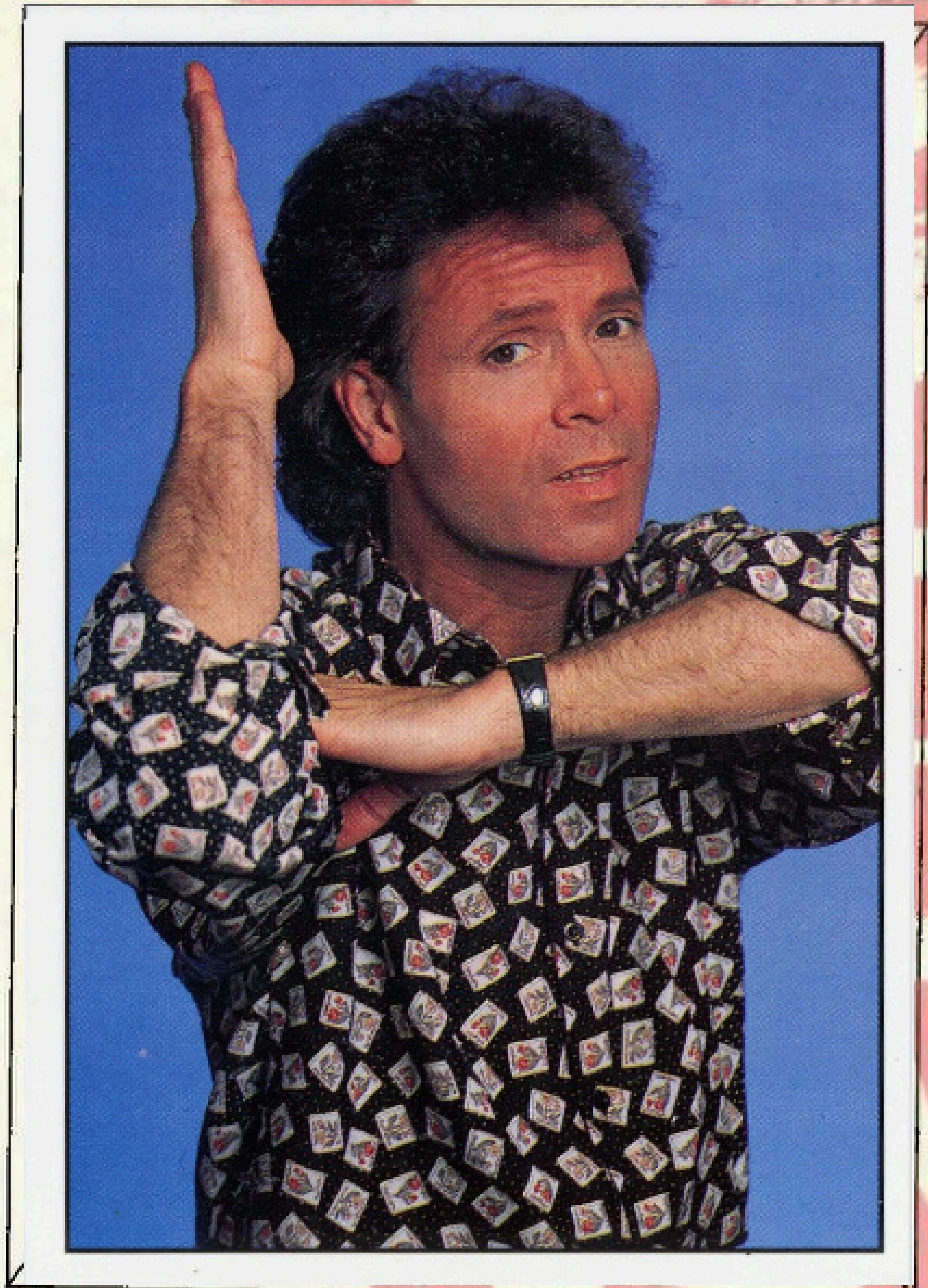
TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.23 What is the *least* number of toothbrushes that the Rebel MC claims he owns at any one time? Is it: a/none, b/two, c/four.

REBEL MC

▼ **Michael Alec Anthony West** was born on 27/8/65 in Whittington Hospital, North London. He spent his formative years growing a pipe cleaner mop head, being "a sports swot" and jumping off the stairs with his sisters ("back then, life was a party," he wimpers). He became The Rebel when he was a teenager, and lugged his DJ gear around until he teamed up with two producer chaps who called themselves Double Trouble. The leg-flailers "Just Keep Rockin'" and "Street Tuff" were the happy result. The Reb happily predicts that, "the summer of 1990 is going to be craaazzzy", so watch out "kids"!



CLIFF RICHARD



▲ ★ His real name is Harry Webb and he was born on 14 October, 1940. ★ At the age of 14, according to **Cliff**, "I first heard an Elvis Presley record and I didn't want to do anything else but become a rock 'n' roll singer." ★ So he did and became renowned for his "Elvis" style quiff and rocking antics with his backing group The Shadows. "Until me there was never anyone who came out wearing a puce jacket, luminous pink socks, pink tie or black trousers. I'm the one who invented all that", boasts Cliff. ★ In 1965 Cliff became a Christian. And he's never shut up about it since. ★ In 1989 Cliff released his 100th – 100th! – single.

▶ S'Express is the group formed by DJ **Mark Moore**. He is half Korean and once claimed to have a twin brother in the Korean army (but he was fibbing). He wears a ring from a Japanese fan that says "Honour Courage Truth Wisdom", very rarely gets up before dusk, is phoned up by Prince and has had to get his flat strengthened because of his huge record collection. He once asked David Bowie for his autograph, has been told by an astrologer he was to have a car crash (he did) and reckons his favourite planet is Venus, "because it's the planet of love, of course". He also makes splendid dance records like "Theme From S'Express", "Superfly Guy" "Hey Music Lover" and "Mantra For A State of Mind".



▲ **96.** (Clockwise) Chilo, Linda Love, Linda X, Mark Moore

SHAKESPEAR'S SISTER



★ Shakespear's Sister is basically just **Siobhan Fahey**, although lots of other people make appearances on her records. ★ Siobhan's 31 years old and used to be in Bananarama until she got sick of it in 1988. ★ She's married to Dave Stewart from The Eurythmics and they have a two year old toddler by the name of Sam. They own three houses, one in London, one in Cannes, France, and one in Los Angeles which features a stream that you can turn on and off! ★ She has regular poetry reading sessions with a friend, "we sit there cringing bright red." ★ When Siobhan was a teenager she went through a stage of speaking in ad jingles and she also slept on her knees for a time because she thought the devil might possess her. ★ She's quite normal otherwise.

SINITTA

Scantily clad song and dance entertainer **Sinitta** first "broke" into showbusiness when she bunked off school and auditioned for a musical called *The Wiz*. Sinitta then decided to become a singer and had her first hit in 1986 with the catchy tune "So Macho". She's gone on to have a string of hits ("Toy Boy", "GTO", "Miracles", "Cross My Broken Heart") and cover versions of ancient pop tunes ("Love On A Mountain Top", "Right Back Where We Started From").





SOUL II SOUL

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.24

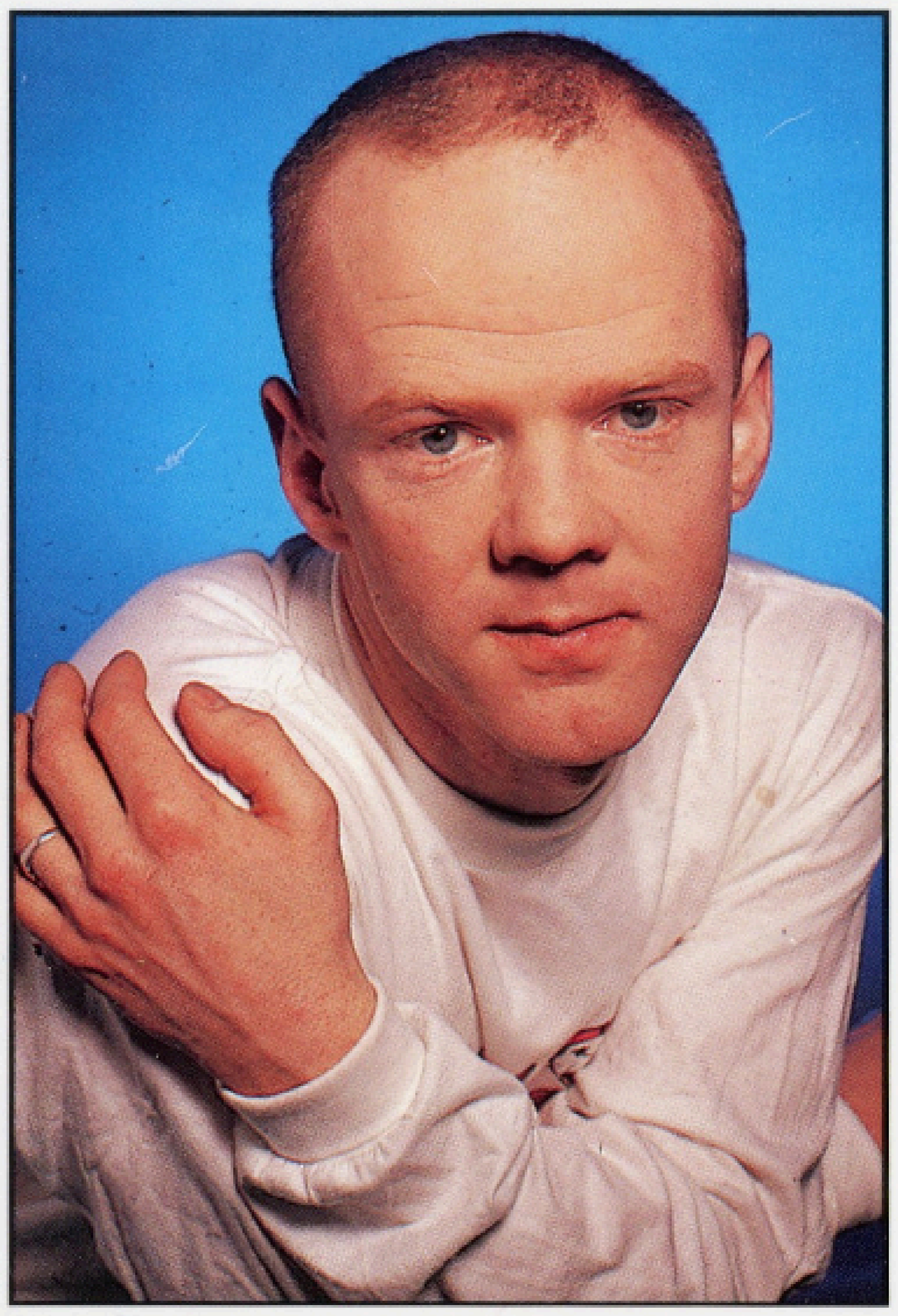
What was the name of the female vocalist who sang on Soul II Soul's first two hits?

At the age of 11, young Beresford Romeo ("alias" **Jazzie B**) decided he would like to rule the world. So he bought a sound "system" and hired it out to people who wanted to play their records very loud at parties. This deal was Jazzie's very first business venture . . . now his organisation (he calls it a "way of life") – known as Soul II Soul – includes two clothes and record shops, an electronics company which designs and builds PA systems, a record label, a regular Friday night slot at Brixton's Fridge nightclub (as well as guest appearances DJing at other venues) plus – plus! – Soul II Soul the band. Although their first single "Fairplay" flopped, "Keep On Moving", "Back To Life (However Do You Want me)" and "Get A Life" were all massive hits, as was the LP "Club Classics Vol One" – and Soul II Soul, with thier wiggy "Funk Dred" haircuts and mesmerising videos, were suddenly world famous superstars. Jazzie isn't satisfied though – he wants a Soul II Soul airline, a car manufacturers, a school . . . so that he can be an inspiration for other black people "to fulfil their desires and ambitions and dreams."

SIMPLY RED



Flame-haired vocalist Mick Hucknall was born on 8 June, 1960 in Manchester. He went on to steal lead off roofs and drink many pints and became a punk rocker at the end of the '70s. He thought better of it, though, and in 1980 decided soul was where it was at and scouted around for posh musicians to form his group **Simply Red**. Mick is renowned for his loathing of Maggie Thatcher "She's evil!", and his love of foreign cuisine. He has a ruby embedded in one of his teeth for "aesthetic reasons", the goat.



Once just a humble Glaswegian baker, Jimmy found pop stardom with disco synth-combo Bronski Beat in 1984. They had shedfuls of super hits (like "Smalltown Boy" and "Why") and made lots of important "statements" about being gay etc. Then Boy George likened Jimmy to a potato and the "legend" was born. In 1986 he left to form The Communards with Richard Coles. They had lots of super hits too, including the No 1 "Don't Leave Me This Way". Again he got a bit bored and left in 1988, but came back with a solo career and the single "Comment Te Dire Adieu"! he still, however, looks like a potato, Hurrah!

JIMMY SOMERVILLE

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TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.25

What is Jimmy Somerville's favourite mode of transport? Is it by: a/his motorbike, b/his skateboard, c/his private helicopter.

LISA STANSFIELD

Famed for her "smiley" eyes, her Rochdale accent and her, em, innovative Pierrot hair "style", **Lisa Stansfield** (23) has had three hits during 1989: "People Hold On", "This is The Right Time" and "All Around The World" – which reached No 1 and so inspired The Pasadenas that they sent Lisa a bouquet even though they'd never met. Aged 12, Lisa was, "greasy, with skinny legs". Aged 16, she'd already had her own TV show and made a few pop records. Now she's happily settled in Rochdale with her boyfriend Ian and says that she'd love to, "gerra Dolly Parton wig, joost to see warrit looked like." What an oddun, eh?



THE STONE ROSES

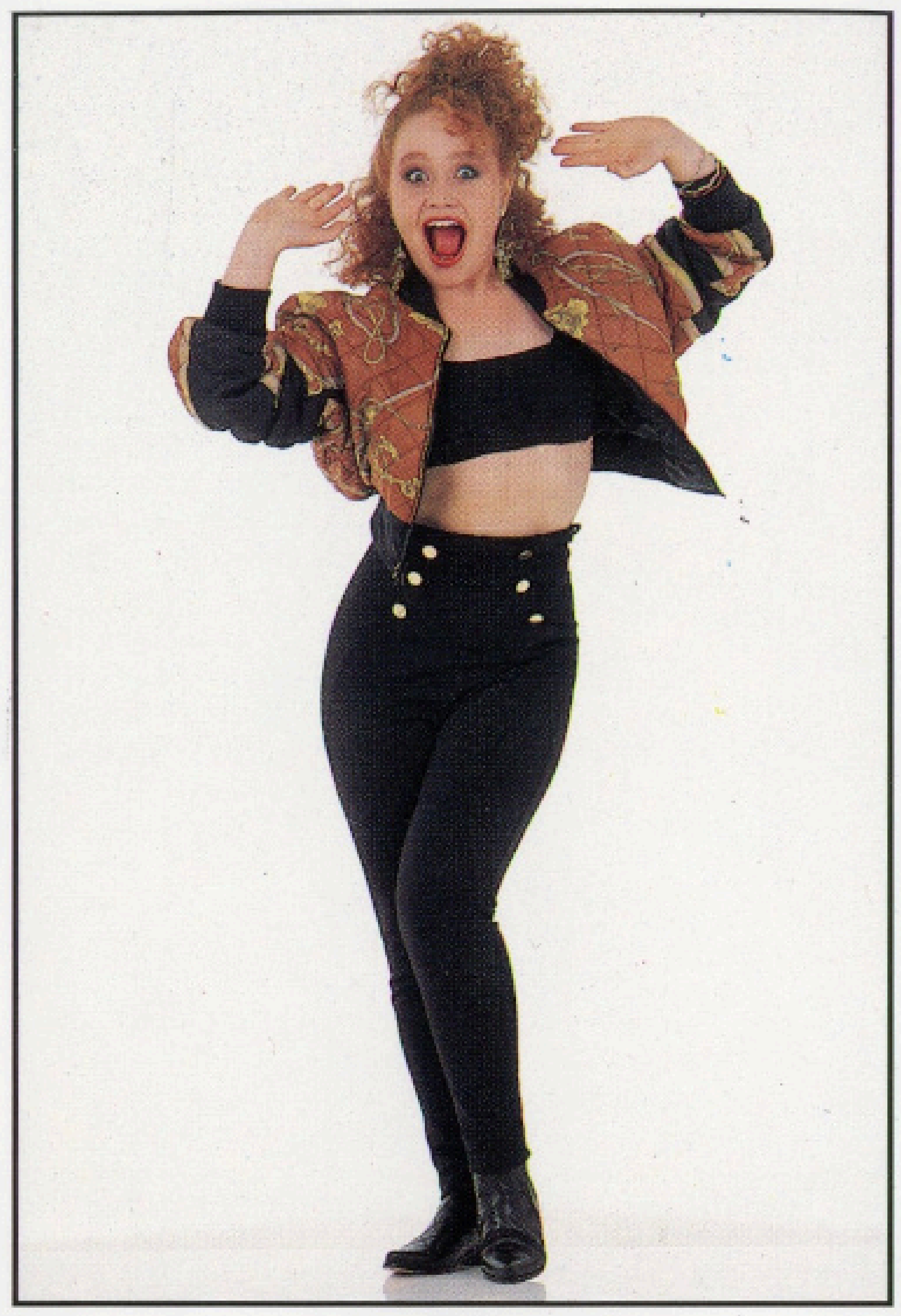


▲ 106, 107. (Left to right) Reni, John Squire, Gary "Mani" Mounfield, Ian Brown

The Stone Roses almost formed 20 years ago in a sandpit in Manchester, because when **Ian Brown** met **John Squire** (who "paints" the group's record sleeves) they were both only four years old. It took them until 1985 to collect **Gary "Mani" Mounfield** and **"Reni"** and until 1989 to capture the nation's hearts with their storming singles "She Bangs The Drums" and "Fool's Gold". They refuse to be called hippies even though they've helped pioneer the flares "look", ("I'd rather be laughed at than not," commented Ian). "Today's what's important, the rest is history", says John. Indeed.

SONIA

Born 13/2/71, "bubble headed" **Sonia Evans** won a local singing compeition in the 14-18 age group when she was only eight years old. "I decided that day I wanted to do drama and singing," screeches the madcap Scouser. So she went to drama school, sang in a *Coke* advert, appeared (once) in *Bread* and then (she says) blagged Pete Waterman (42) to let her sing live on a radio show which he was presenting. He was so impressed that he signed her up pronto and he and his marvy songwriting team came up with "You'll Never Stop Me Loving You".



MARK SHAW

Born on 10 June, 1961 in Derbyshire, **Mark Shaw** has "enjoyed" an unsettled life. His dad worked for an oil company and thus Mark moved all around the country, going to 14 schools and eventually being booted out at age 15 for gambling. Undeterred, he became a "Bowie" fan and went about with high heels on etc and trooped off to London at 18 where he was skint for years. Eventually he invented a group called Then Jerico who sometimes have hits with tunes called "The Motive" and "The Big Area" and sometimes . . . don't. Mark is "an outrageous flirt", is writing a book entitled "Contemporary Pearls Of Wisdom For Young Blades", does aerobics ("the fitter you are, the more you can drink!") and once declared, "If I had my way there would be no celery in the world . . ."

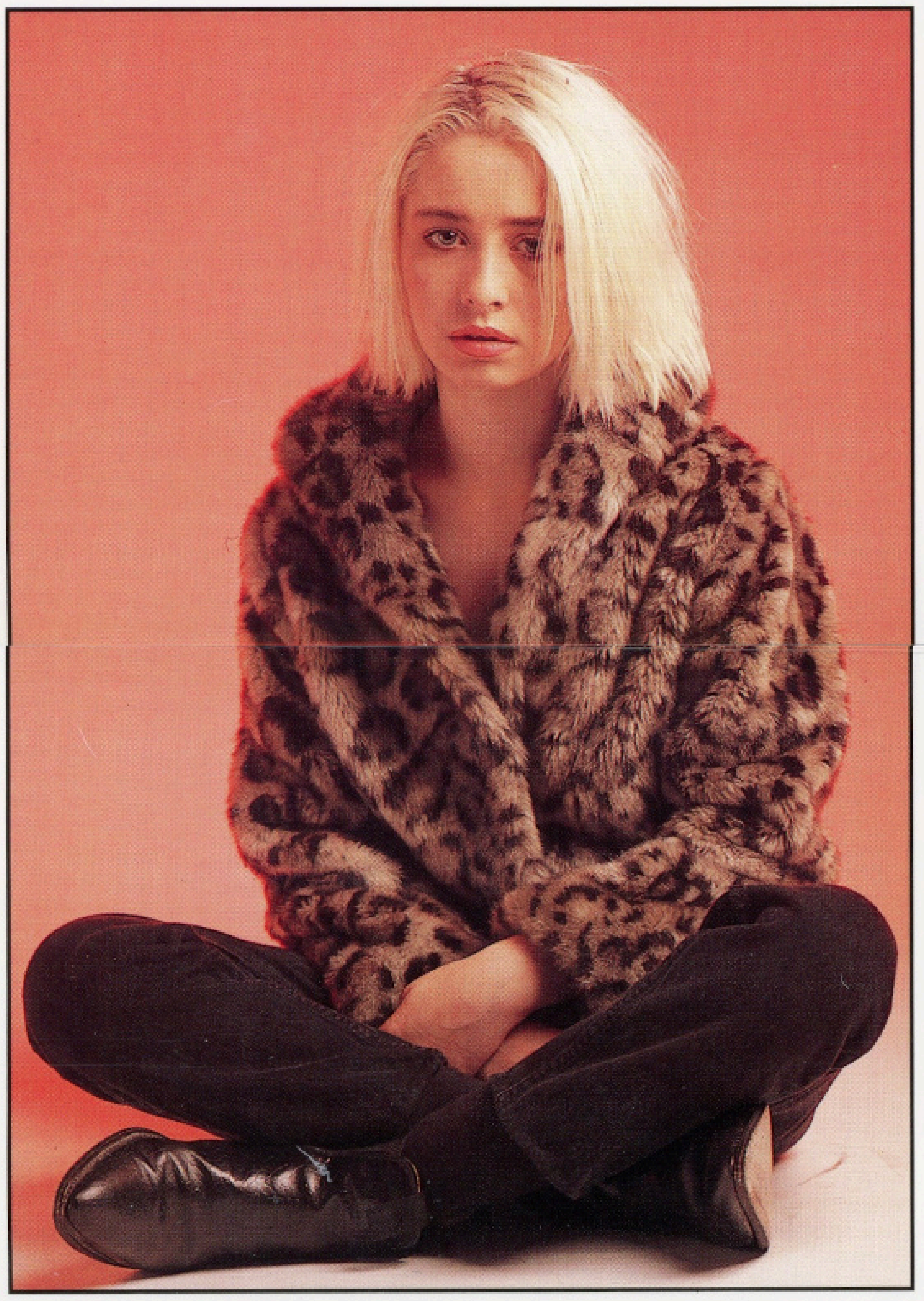


TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.26

Where do the Stone Roses say they would most like to play a super pop concert? Is it: a/standing waist deep in the sea at Blackpool at four in the morning, b/in the grounds of Buckingham Palace after it's been burnt down, c/In Pete Waterman's house, having broken in and smashed up all his gold discs.

TRANSVISION VAMP

★ **Wendy James** was born on January 21 1966 somewhere in East Sussex (she won't reveal where). ★ She left home when she was 16 and went off to live in Brighton where she studied drama and English for a year. ★ Then she got "disillusioned" and left and started singing in a nightclub instead. ★ There she met a bloke called **Nick Christian Sayer.** They became "lovers" and started to write songs together. ★ Then they moved to London and teamed up with some punky pals, **Dave Parsons, Tex Axile** and **Pol Burton,** and formed **Transvision Vamp.** ★ Their first hit, "I Want Your Love" was in 1988. ★ Wendy became renowned for her "controversial views on: Kylie ("I think the attitudes she's portraying in her songs are really dangerous"), *Smash Hits* ("pollution of the mind"), the ecology ("Transvision Vamp are responsible human beings who don't see why we should be destroying the planet we live on"), animal rights ("animals are far more logical in the way they live their lives than human beings are") and any other topic you care to mention.





◀112. (Left to right) Roland Orzabal, Curt Smith

Pioneers of the early '80s "synth" sound, Tears For Fears are "serious musicians" **Roland Orzabal** (song writer) and **Curt Smith** (singer). They met in Bath and swiftly invented an LP called "The Hurting" which was full of weirdness, then an LP called "Songs From The Big Chair" which was full of gigantic hits like "Shout" and "Everybody Wants To Rule The World" and girlies tried to snog them in the street etc. They disappeared in 1984 and returned in 1989 having been "in ver studio" making metal hippy anthems called "Sowing The Seeds of Love" etc and Curt was a mere backing singer . . . Roland used to have 5 cats called Treasure, Carp, Ben, Charlie and Emmy and stuidies psychology. Curt used to have a cat called Zero Algebra Waldorf.



▲ **109, 110, 111.** (Left to right) Tex Axile, Wendy James, Dave Parsons, Nick Christian Sayer

TEARS FOR FEARS

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TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.27 What clothing company sponsored Transvision Vamp's last tour? Was it: a/Levis, b/Remnant Kings, c/100% Mambo.



▲ 113-115. (Left to right) Graeme Clark, Marti Pellow, Neil Mitchell, Tommy Cunningham

WET WET WET

★ They were invented in Clydebank (near Glasgow) by **Graeme, Tommy** and **Neil**, several years ago. They wrote a few tunes but couldn't find a singer until they drafted in a bloke they'd known at school called Mark McLachlan who changed his name to **Marti Pellow**. ★ Legend has it they were discovered by a passing talent scout who heard them rehearsing in Graeme's mum's kitchen (but this is probably not true). ★ It took The Wets almost two years to record their first LP because every time they went into the studio with a new producer their songs would turn out naff. Mind you, one of the tapes, recorded in America with ancient soul producer Willie Mitchell was eventually released as "The Memphis Sessions" LP. ★ Their first single, "Wishing I Was Lucky", was released in 1987 and it was followed by a "string" of hits including "Angel Eyes", "Temptation" and "Sweet Little Mystery". ★ They went to No 1 in 1988 with a version of The Beatles' "With A Little Help From My Friends" which was recorded for the Childline charity. ★ In August, The Wets played the biggest free concert for 20 years in a huge park in Glasgow. The audience for the day numbered upwards of 50,000. ★ Tommy owns a Mercedes ("a swankmobile!! he yelps) and Marti drives about on a 1942 Harley Davidson motorbike.

TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.28

What is the name of the Glasgow record label that Wet Wet Wet are signed to? Is it: a/Scotdisc, b/Grey Fish Music, c/The Precious Organisation.

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▼ 116, 117. (Left to right) Adam Clayton, Larry Mullen Jnr, The Edge, Bono Vox



★ **U2** are **Bono Vox** (real name Paul Hewson), **The Edge** (real name David Evans), **Adam Clayton** (real name Adam Clayton) and **Larry Mullen Jnr.** (real name Larry Mullen). ★ They were formed in Dublin in 1976 when Larry Mullen Jnr. put a notice up on the board of the Mount Temple school asking if anyone fancied joining a band. ★ Bono was originally the guitarist, but he switched to being the singer because he wasn't much cop at playing the guitar. ★ Bono and The Edge adopted their strange nicknames when they were in a strange gang of friends who pretended to live in an imaginary place called Lypton Village and who all adopted odd names. (Bonovox is the name of a hearing aid shop in Dublin.) ★ Bono, The Edge and Larry Mullen Jnr. are all committed Christians and they once nearly split up because Bono, The Edge and Larry thought rock 'n' roll was "a waste of time". ★ They have made seven LPs: "Boy", "October", "War", "Under A Blood Red Sky", "The Joshua Tree" and "Rattle And Hum", the soundtrack to their 1988 film, and are one of the most successful groups ever in terms of both record sales and the strength of feeling they inspire amongst their fans.

SYDNEY YOUNGBLOOD



Born **Sydney Nathan Ford The Third** in San Antonio, Texas, on 2 December, 1960, Sydney was nicknamed "Youngblood" by his grandmother because he was always setting fire to trees and painting her cat pink. At five he was already obsessed with music and pranced in front of a mirror with his mother's broom impersonating Stevie Wonder. He left school at 18 and joined the army so he would be sent to Europe where he could become a musician. In between scrubbing the bathrooms with toothbrushes he played flute and learned how to invent music on a computer. His first hit was the "peace anthem" "If Only I Could" in the autumn of 1989. He lives in Mannheim, West Germany with his girlfriend Claudia, is an expert at computer golf and calls himself "Yoooungblooood!!"

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TRICKY POP PUZZLER NO.29

What's the name of Sydney Youngblood's daughter?

YAZZ

Yasmin Evans was born on 19/5/60 in London. She was "a total wimp" at school who wanted to "cut bits out of my legs so I could go out with guys who were smaller than me". Her first pop venture was in a dreadful group called The Biz – her other jobs include being a catwalk model and she was George Michael's stylist when he was in Wham! She reached No 1 in 1988 with "The Only Way Is Up", and since then she's had a couple more hits, completed a tour and had her first baby. Every morning, she looks in the mirror and says, "I love you" to herself because, "it's natural and positive".



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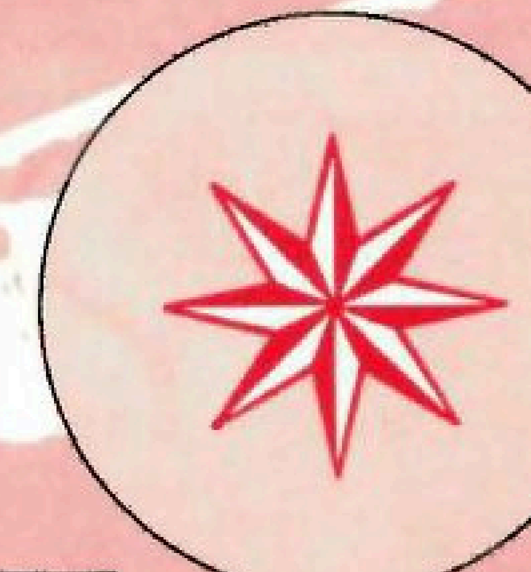


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ANSWERS TO TRICKY POP PUZZLERS

1. A 2. False, they toured in 1989 3. Seventh Avenue (ha ha) 4. C 5. B 6. True 7. True 8. Baby you and me 9. Joe Elliot 10. A 11. C 12. B 13. True 14. A 15. Moonwalker 16. False 17. Sylvio Ciccone 18. C 19. A 20. "Careless Whisper", "A Different Corner" 21. 3 ("New Kids On The Block", "Merry Merry Christmas" and "Hangin' Tough") 22. Petula Clark 23. C 24. Caron Wheeler 25. A 26. B 27. A 28. C 29. Evelyn

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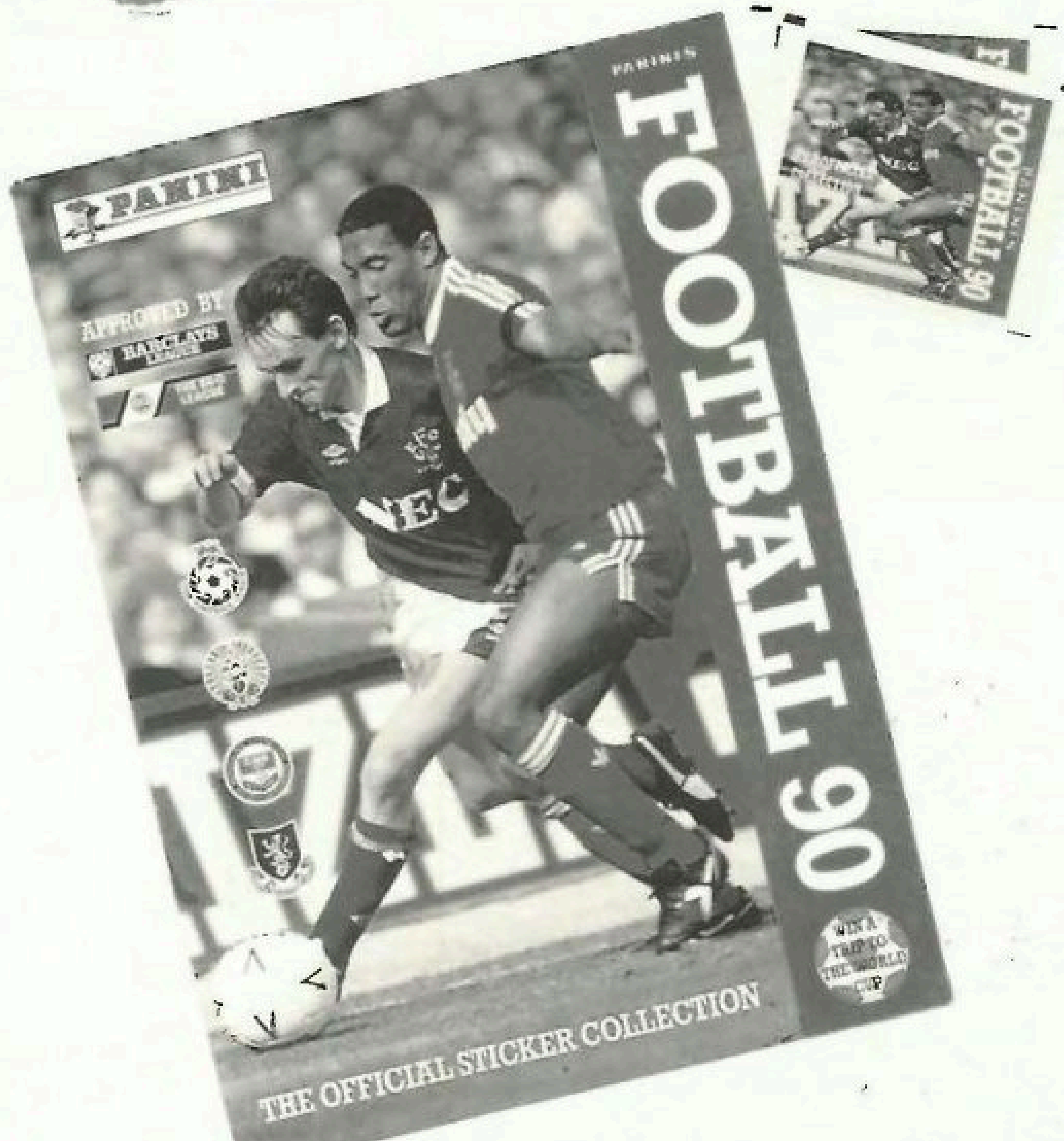
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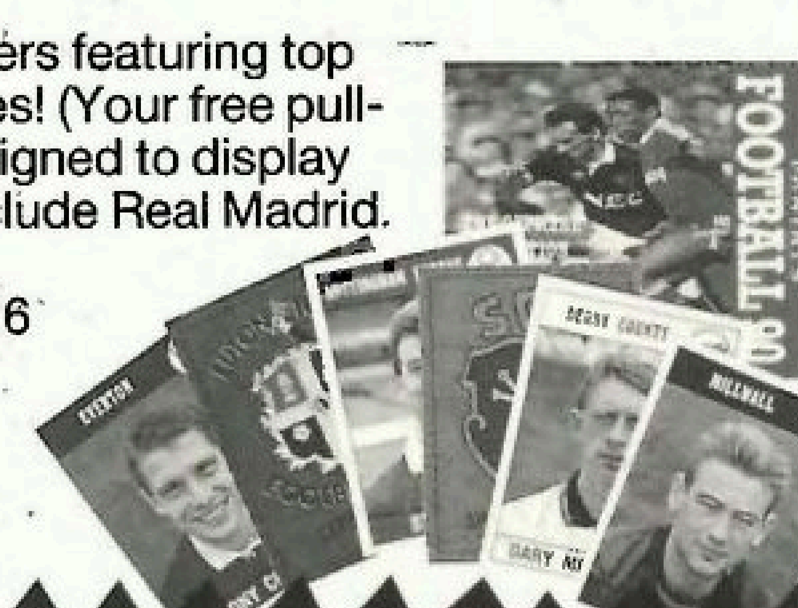
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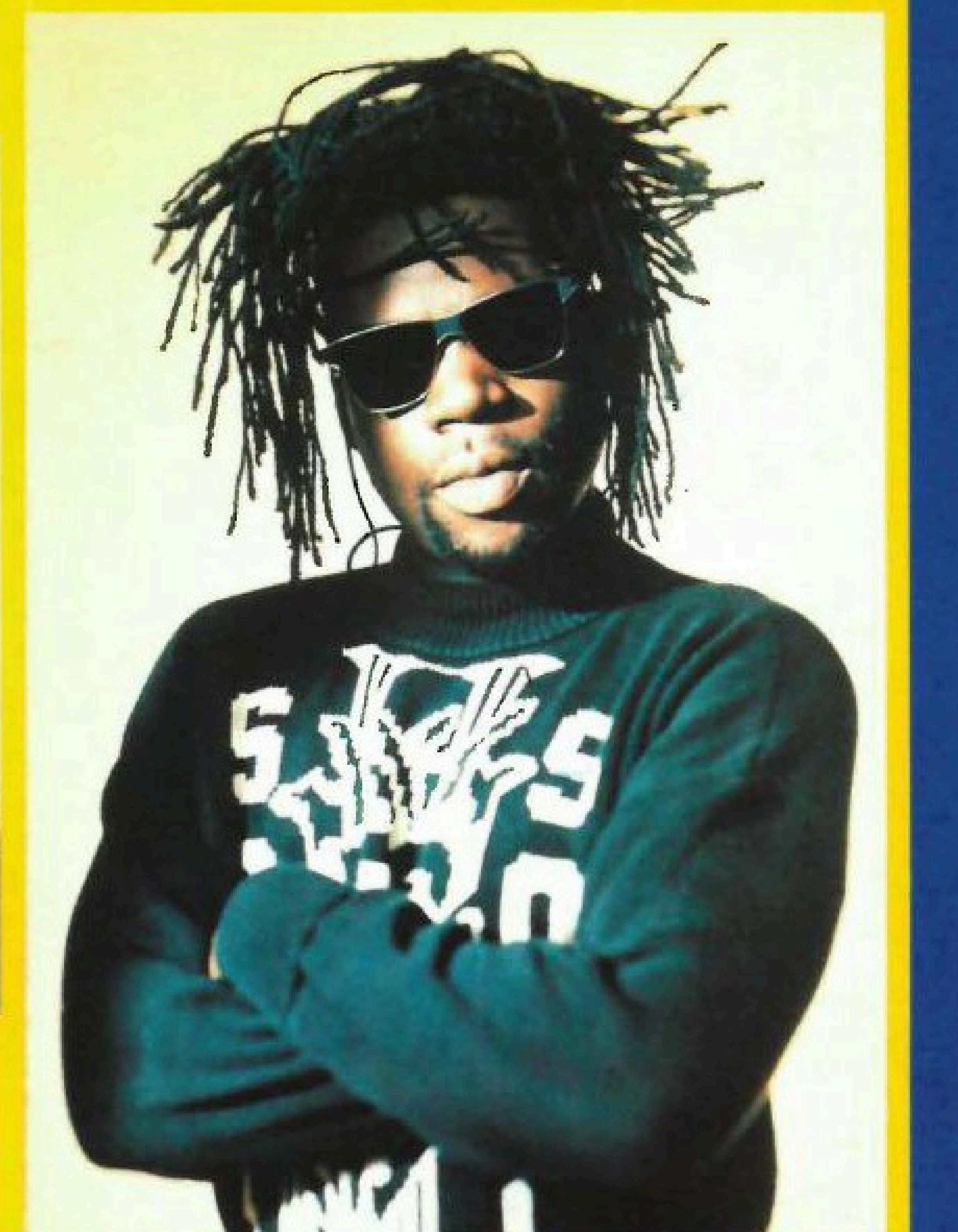
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